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STARS and STRIPES

COMICS



Pepper Van
AND *Whitey*
IN ANOTHER SIZZ-
LING, STARTLING,
SMASHING ADVEN-
TURE!!

MYRON
STRAUSS



WEB COMIC
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AMAZING MAN



DEFENSE PROGRAM
CURTAILED!

SABOTAGE IN
COPPER MINES!

MONTHS OUTPUT OF
THE DAISY MAY MINE
LOST IN WRECK!!

A FINAL THUNDEROUS CRASH! ANOTHER
TRAINLOAD OF DEFENSE COPPER IS LOST!

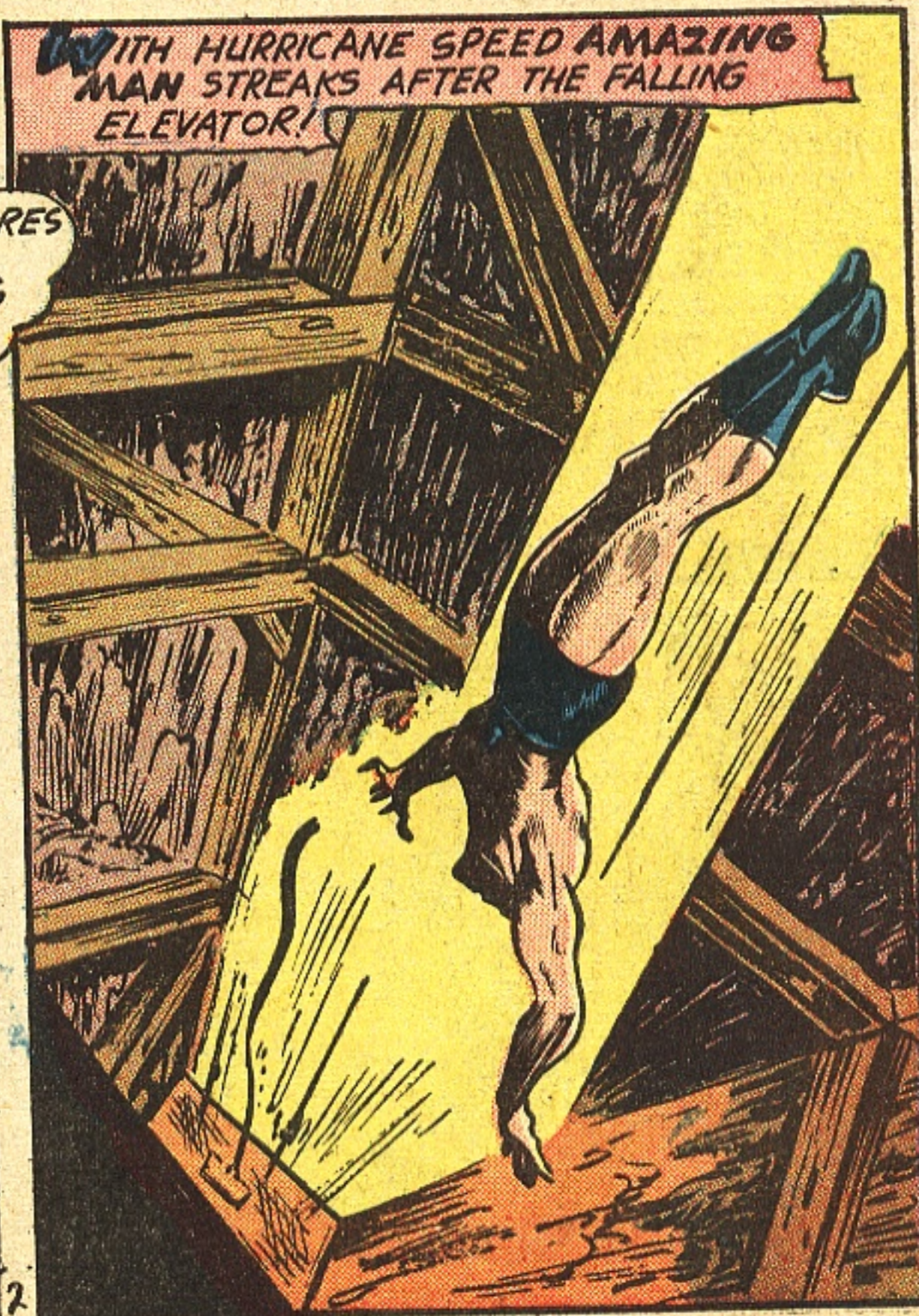
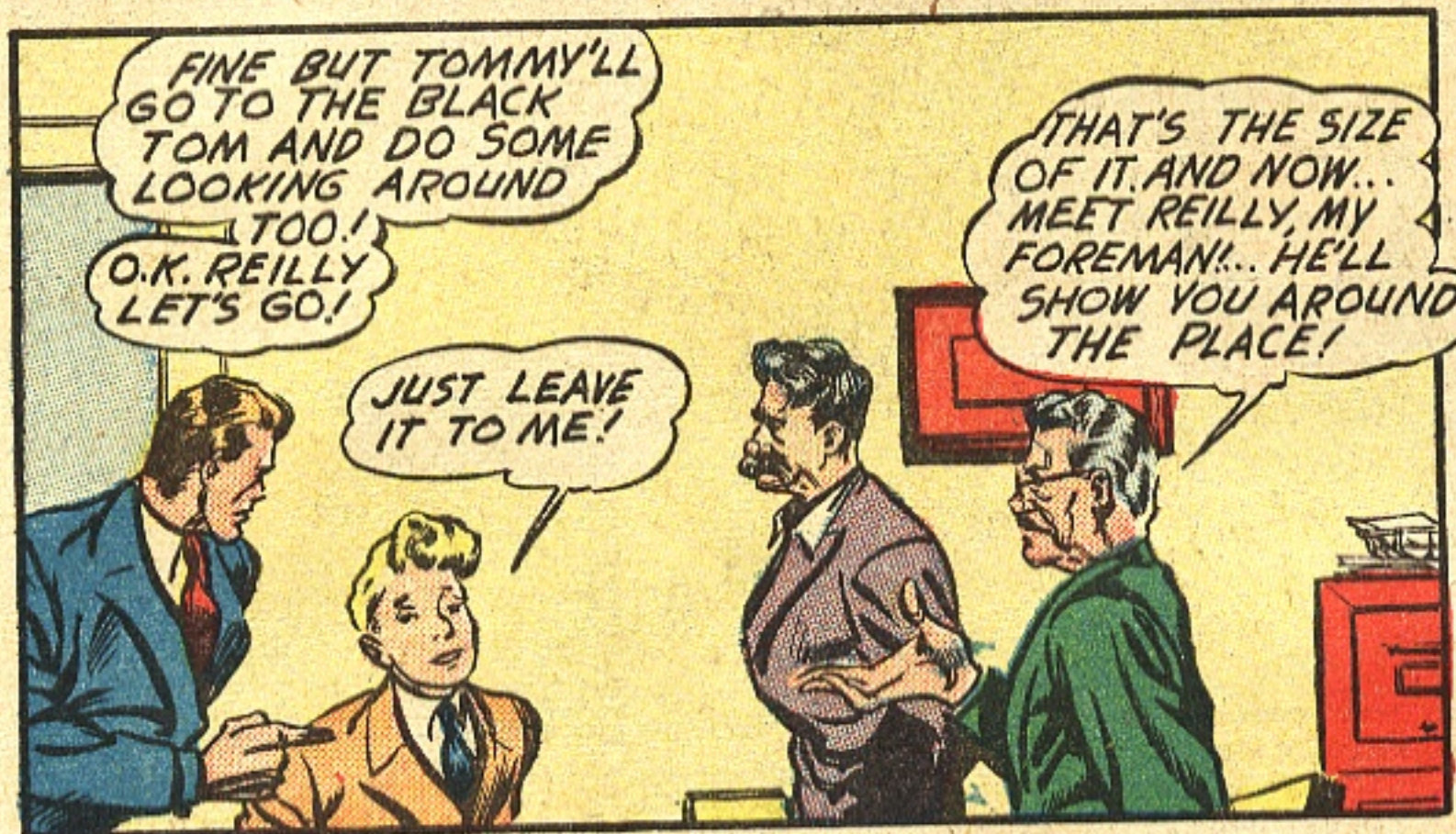
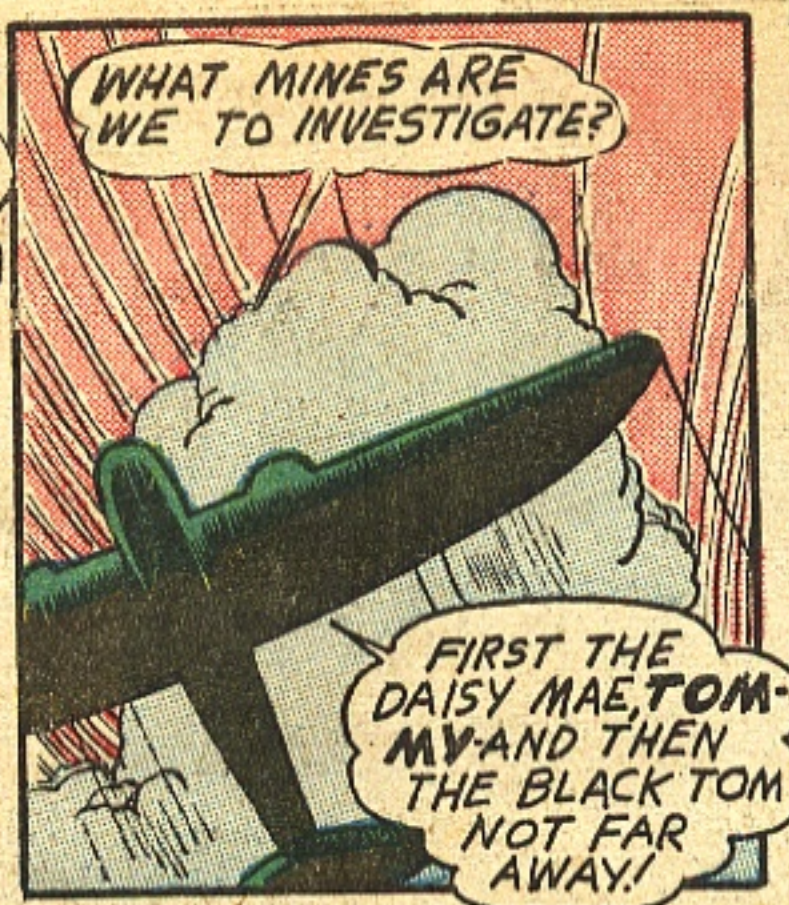
PERFECT JOB,
I'D SAY!

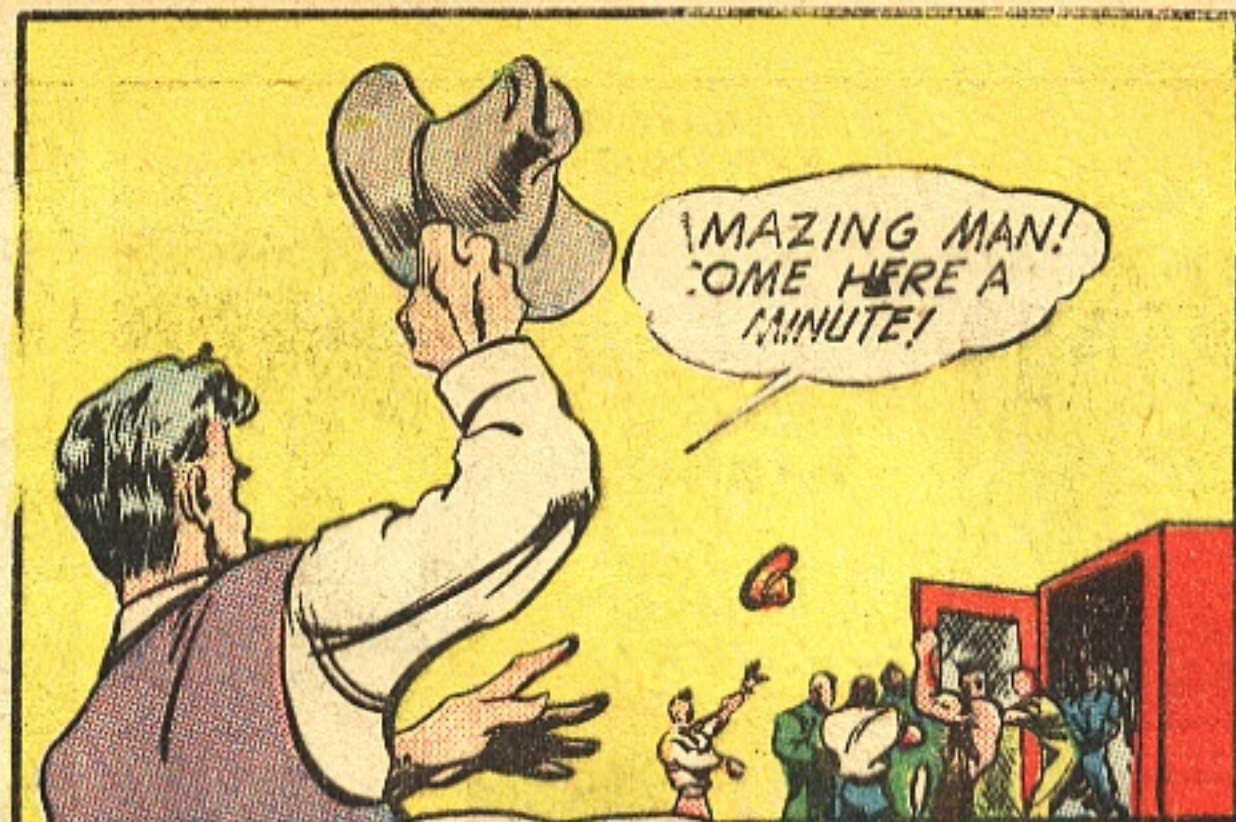
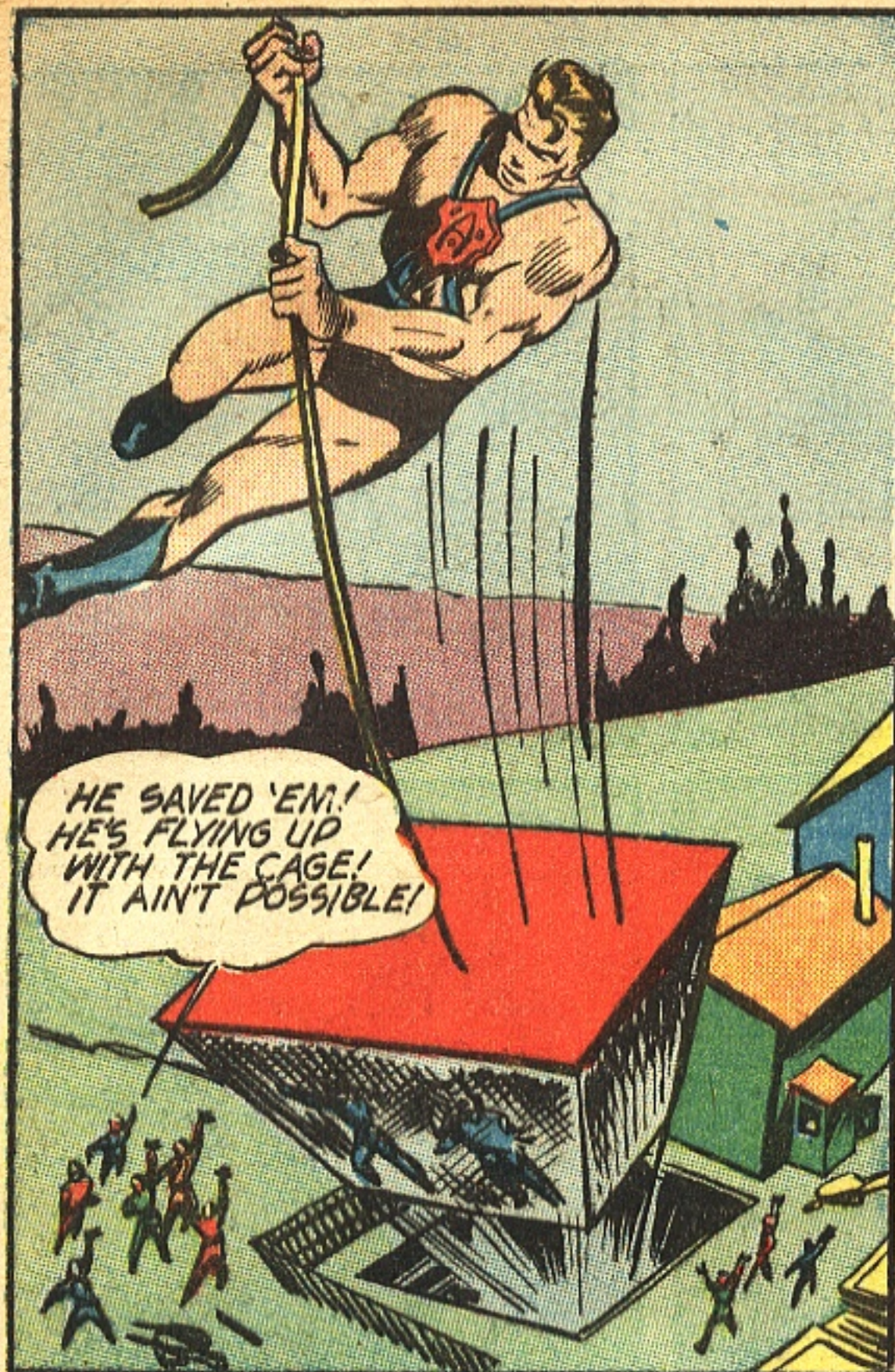
YEAH WE'D BETTER
TELL RITTER RIGHT
AWAY!

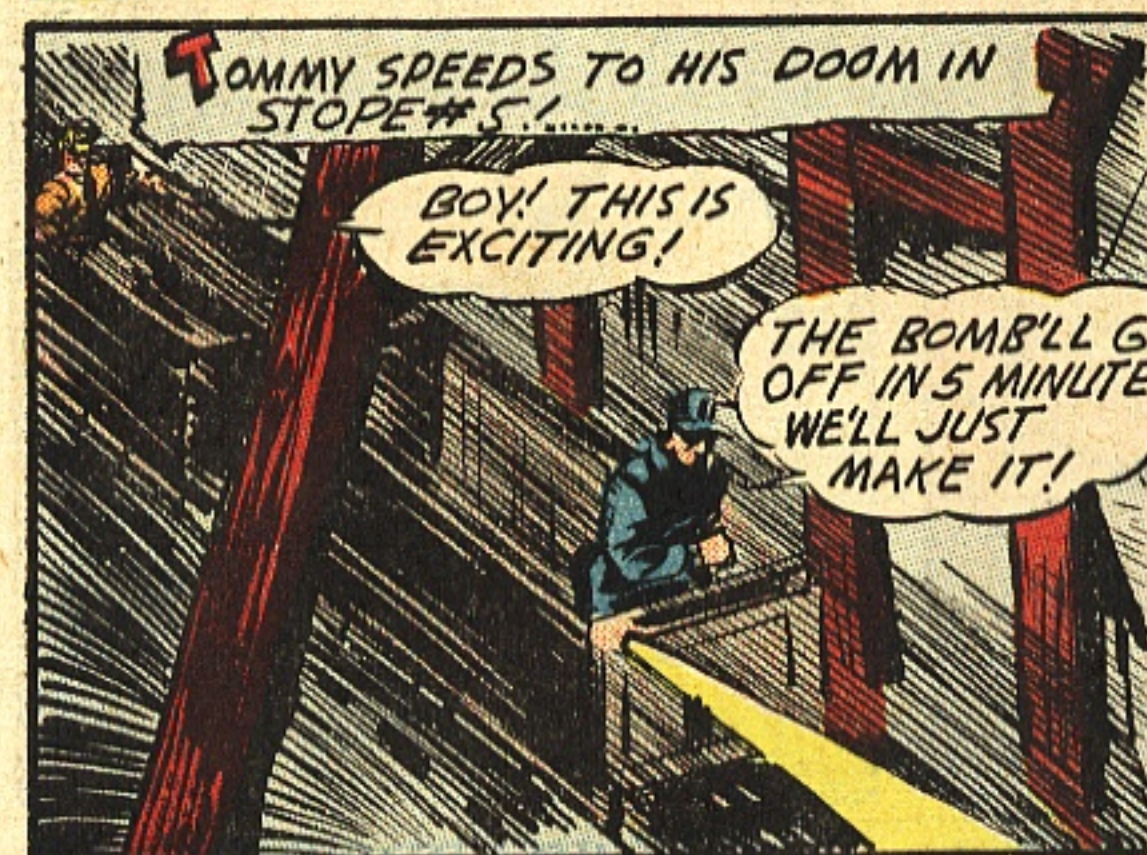
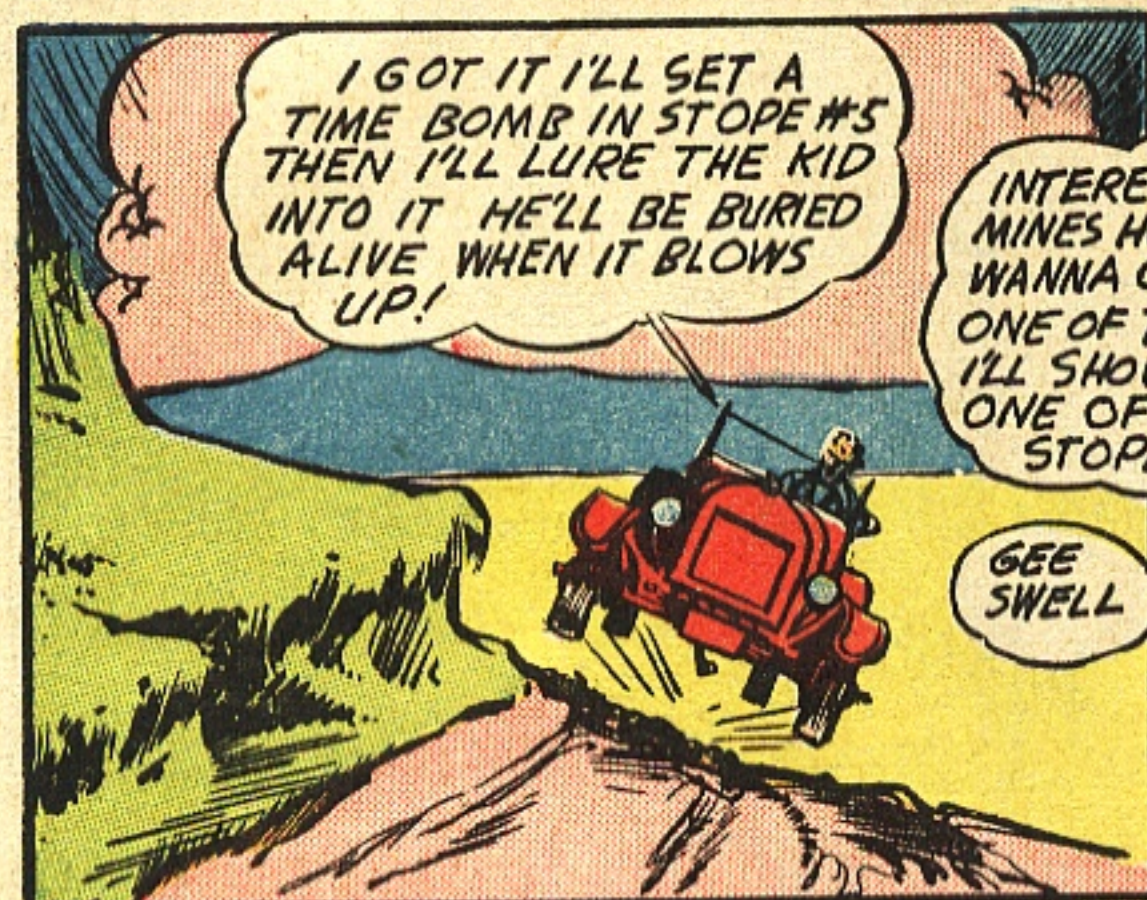
LATER...NEWS OF THIS LATEST WRECK HAS REACHED
THE OFFICE OF O.P.M....

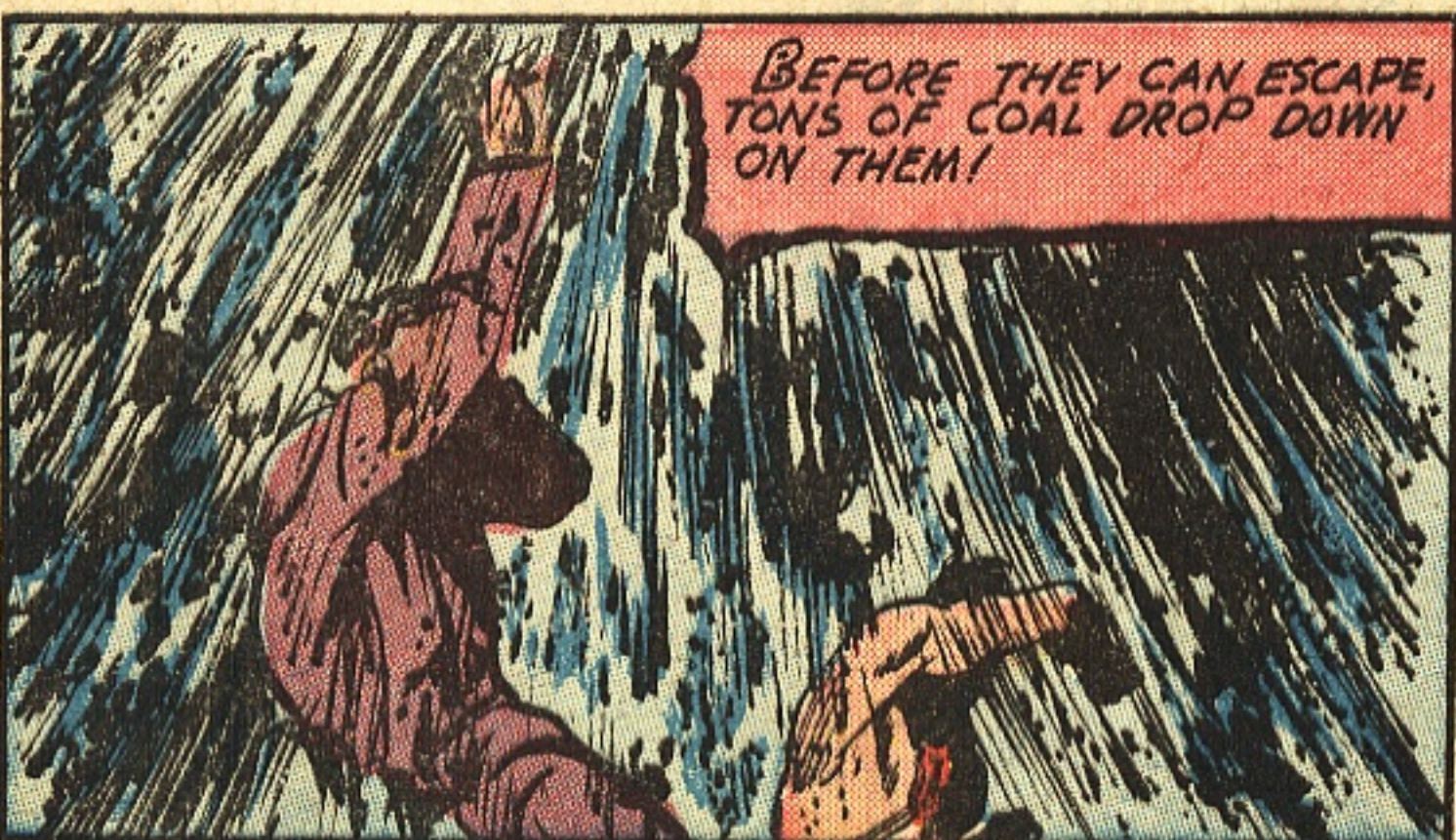
SOMETHING MUST BE
DONE! COPPER MUST
BE DELIVERED TO
OUR DEFENSE
FACTORIES!

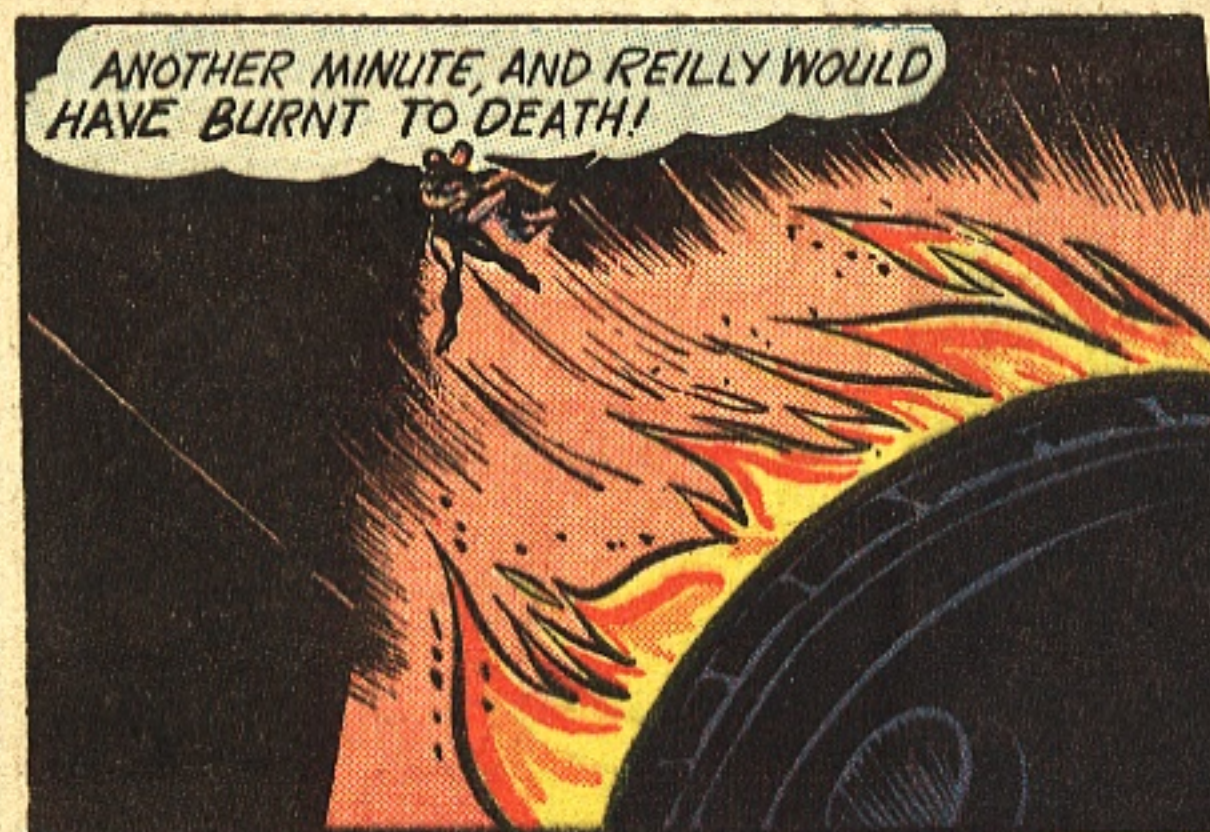
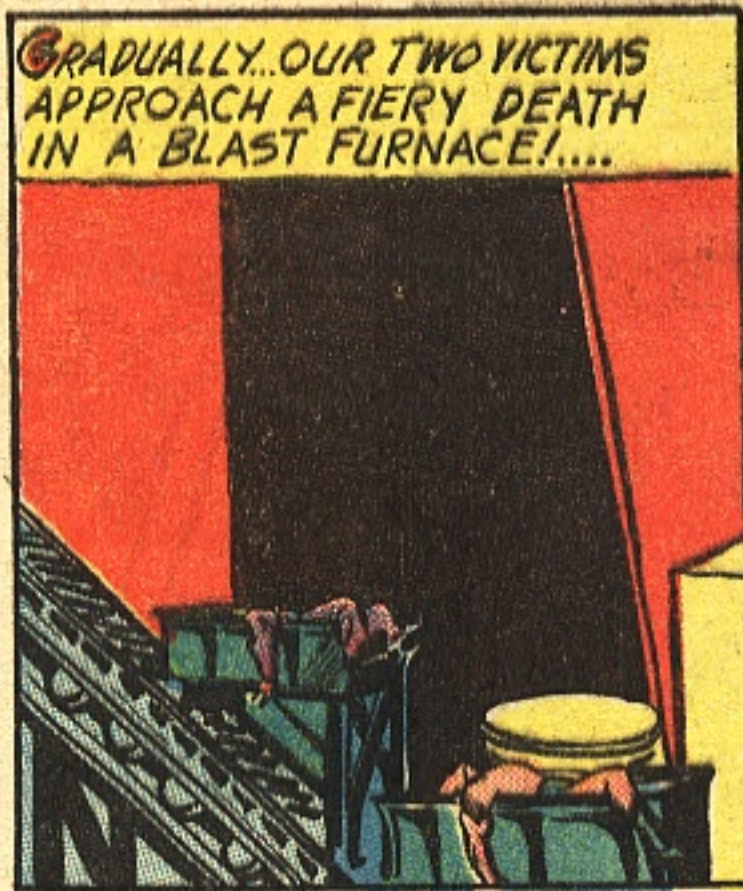
YES!!
I KNOW THE
MAN FOR
THE JOB
I'LL TELEPHONE
AMAZING
MAN!

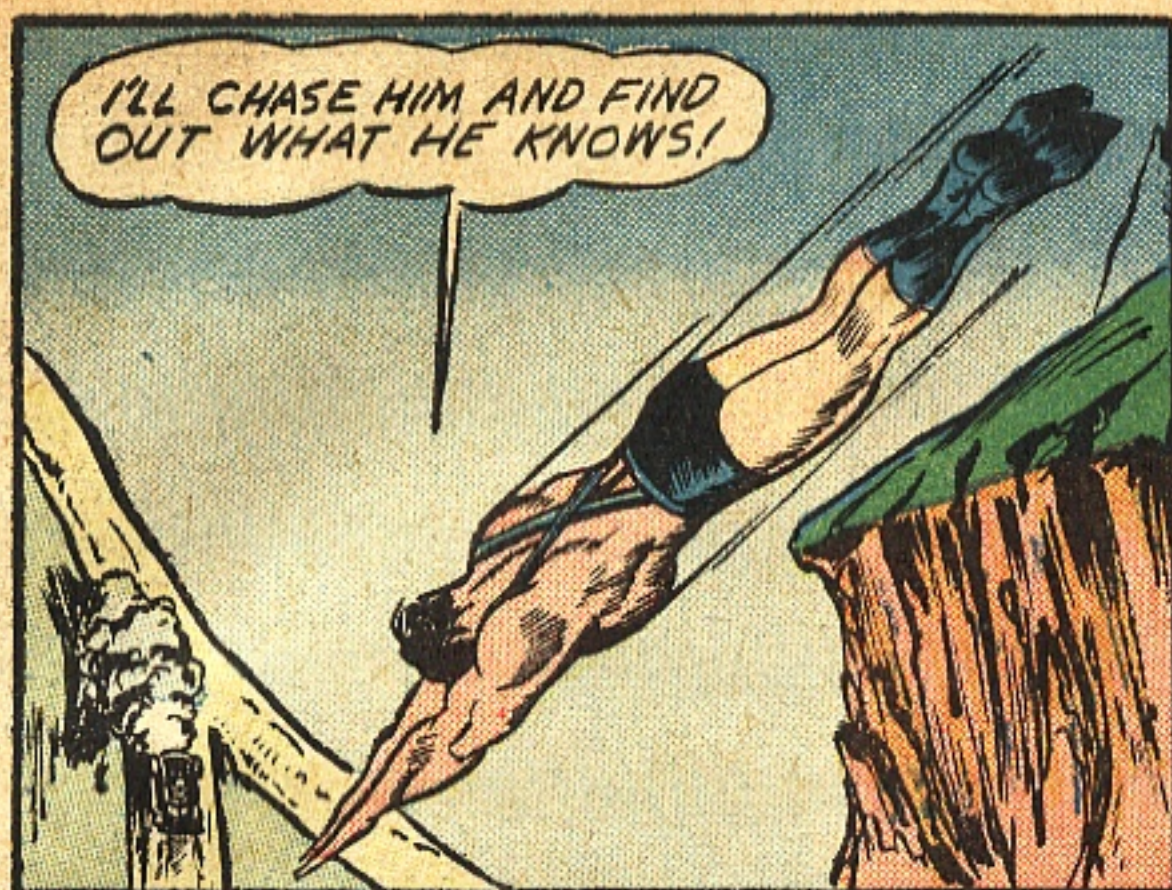




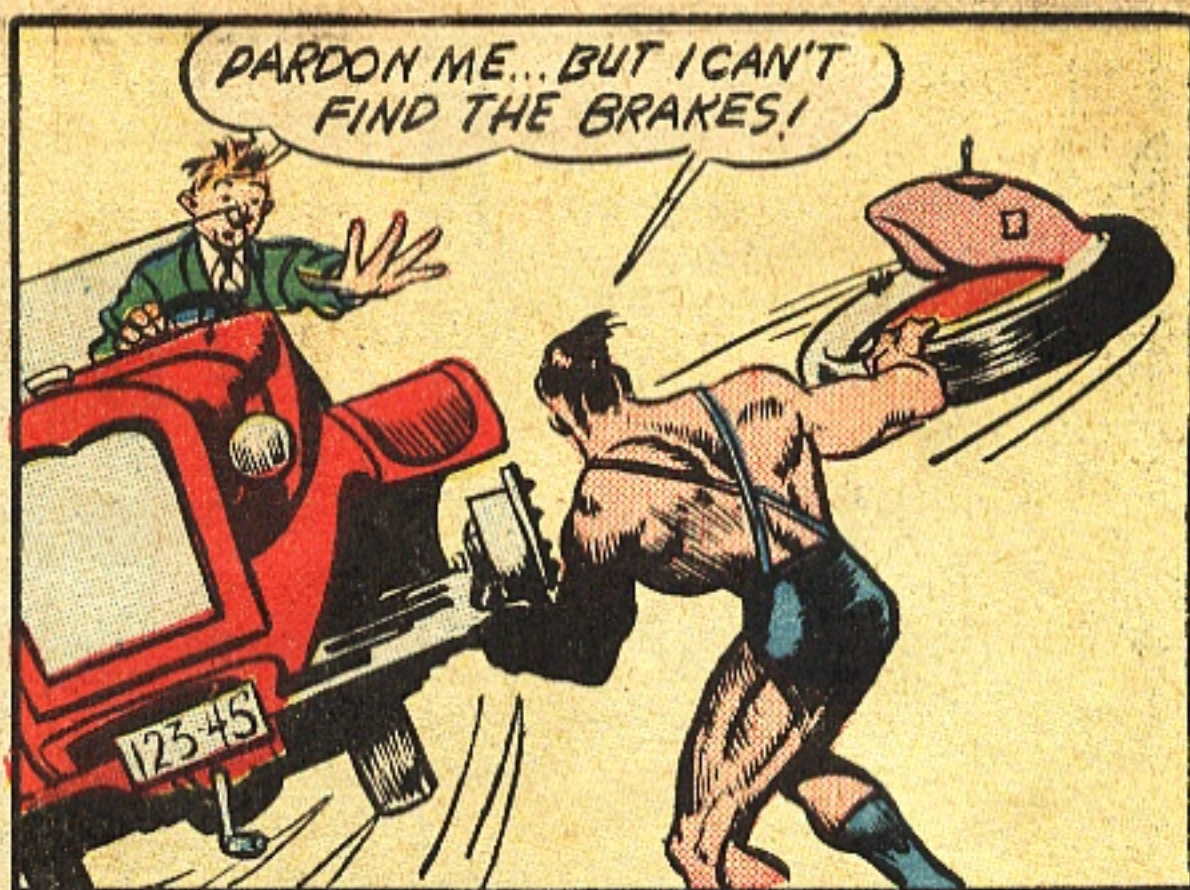




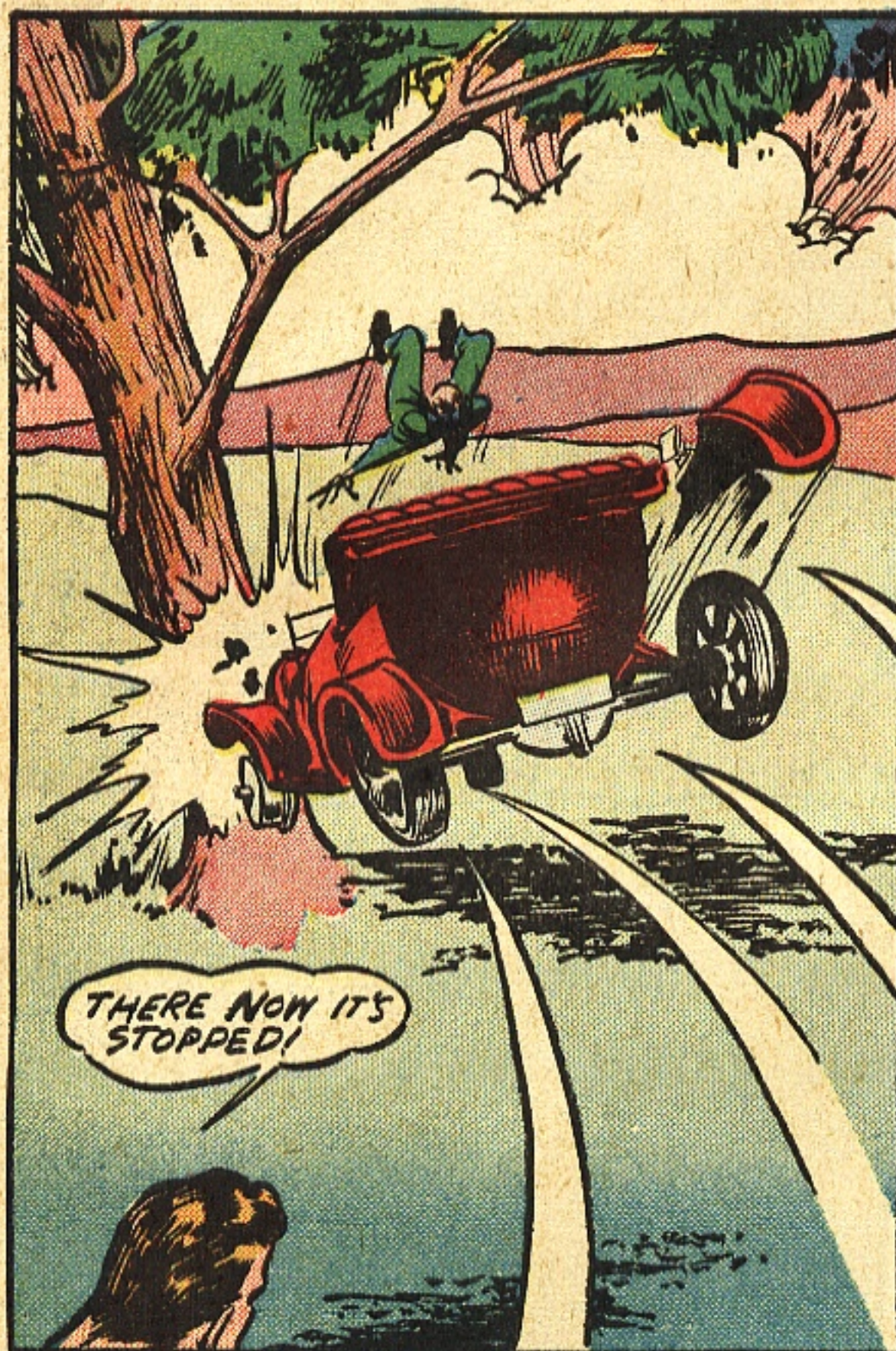




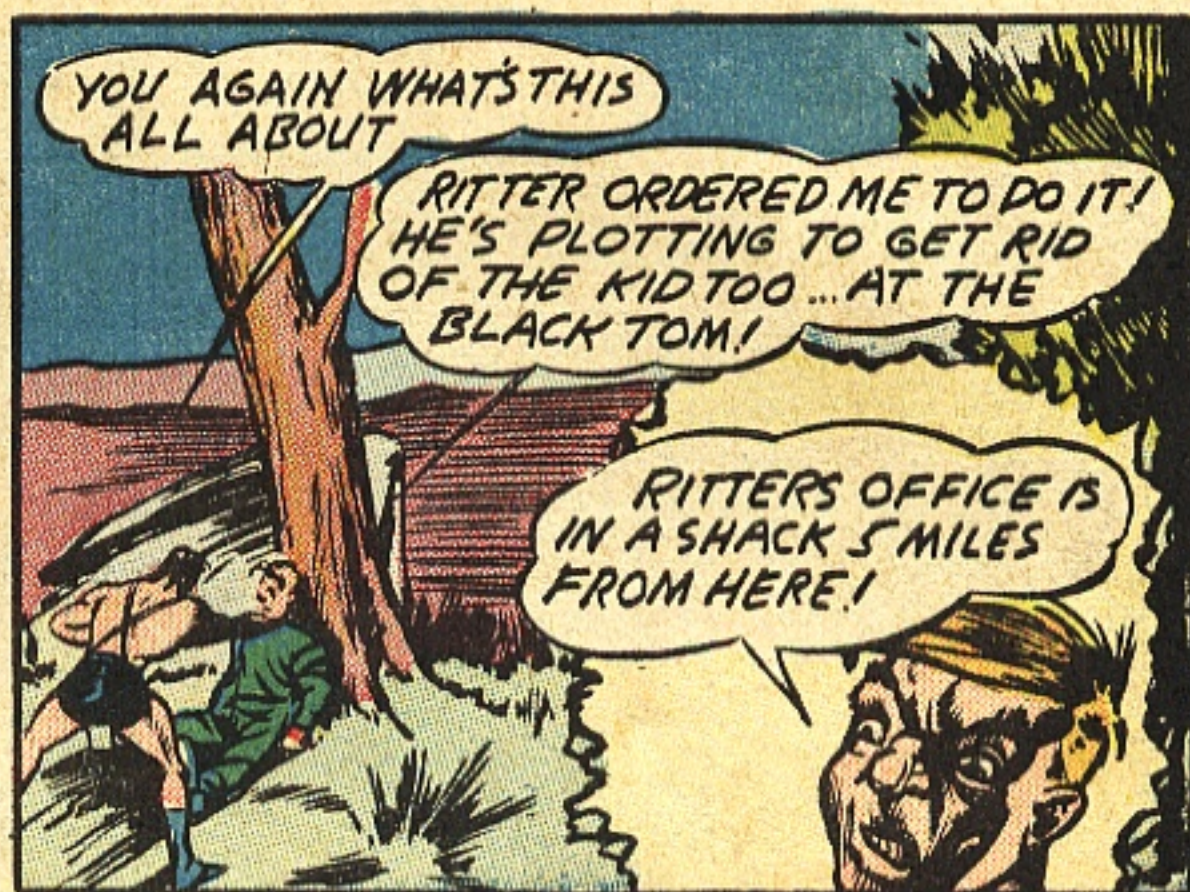
I'LL CHASE HIM AND FIND OUT WHAT HE KNOWS!



PARDON ME... BUT I CAN'T FIND THE BRAKES!



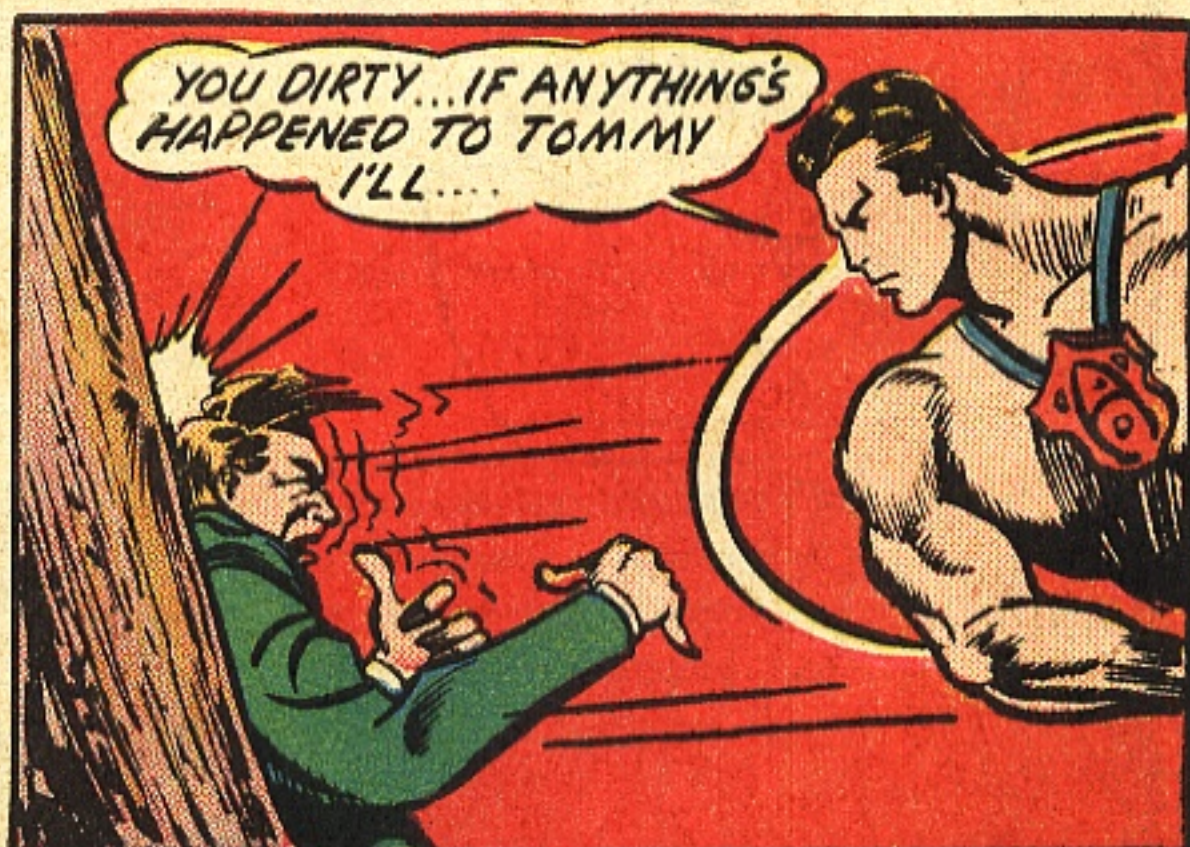
THERE NOW IT'S STOPPED!



YOU AGAIN WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT

RITTER ORDERED ME TO DO IT! HE'S PLOTTING TO GET RID OF THE KID TOO... AT THE BLACK TOM!

RITTERS OFFICE IS IN A SHACK 5 MILES FROM HERE!



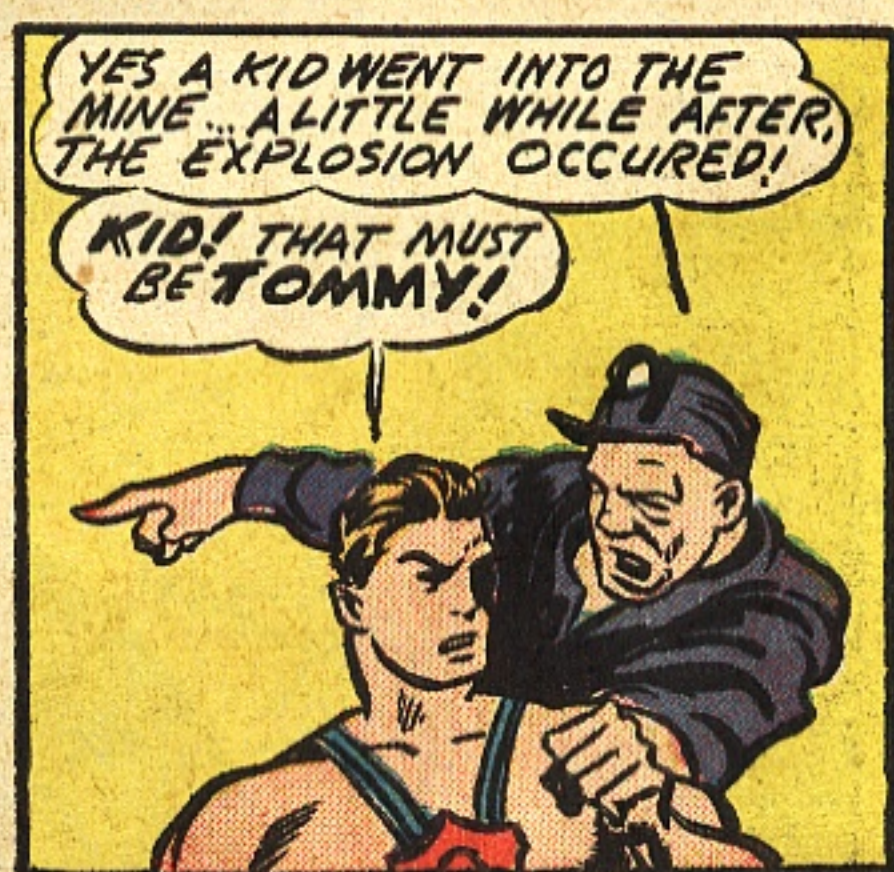
YOU DIRTY... IF ANYTHING'S HAPPENED TO TOMMY I'LL....



THESE BOYS MEAN BUSINESS! I CAN'T WASTE TIME!

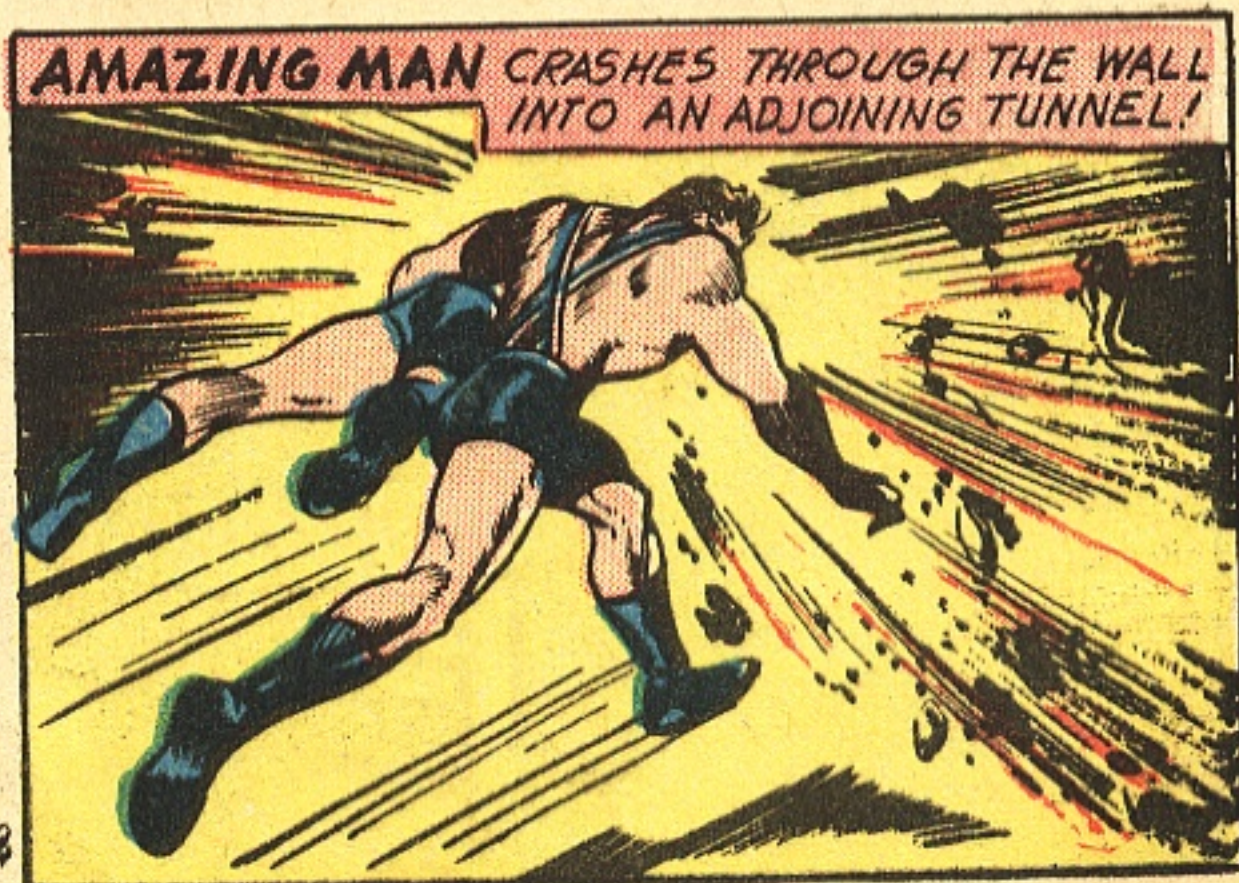
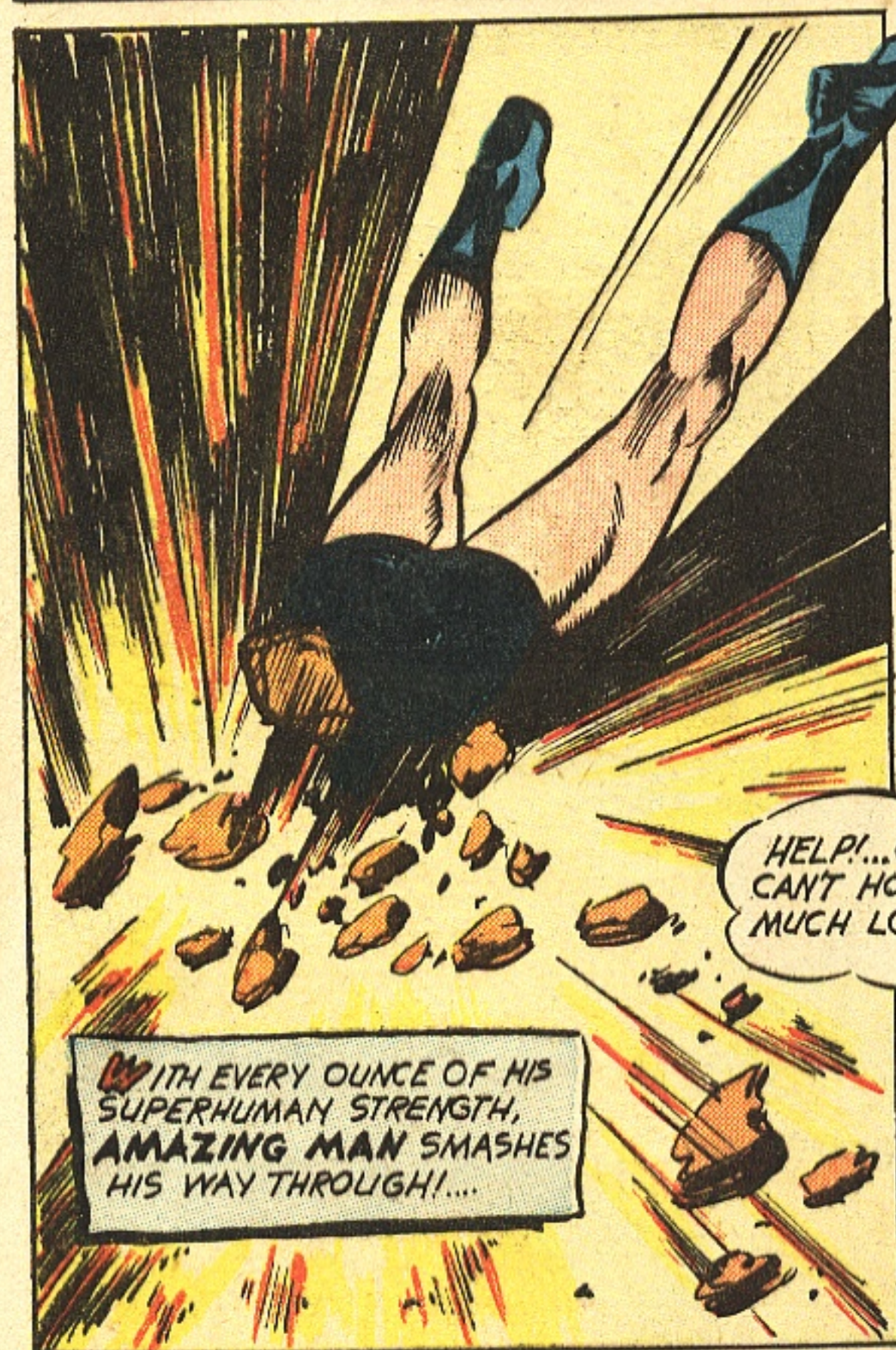
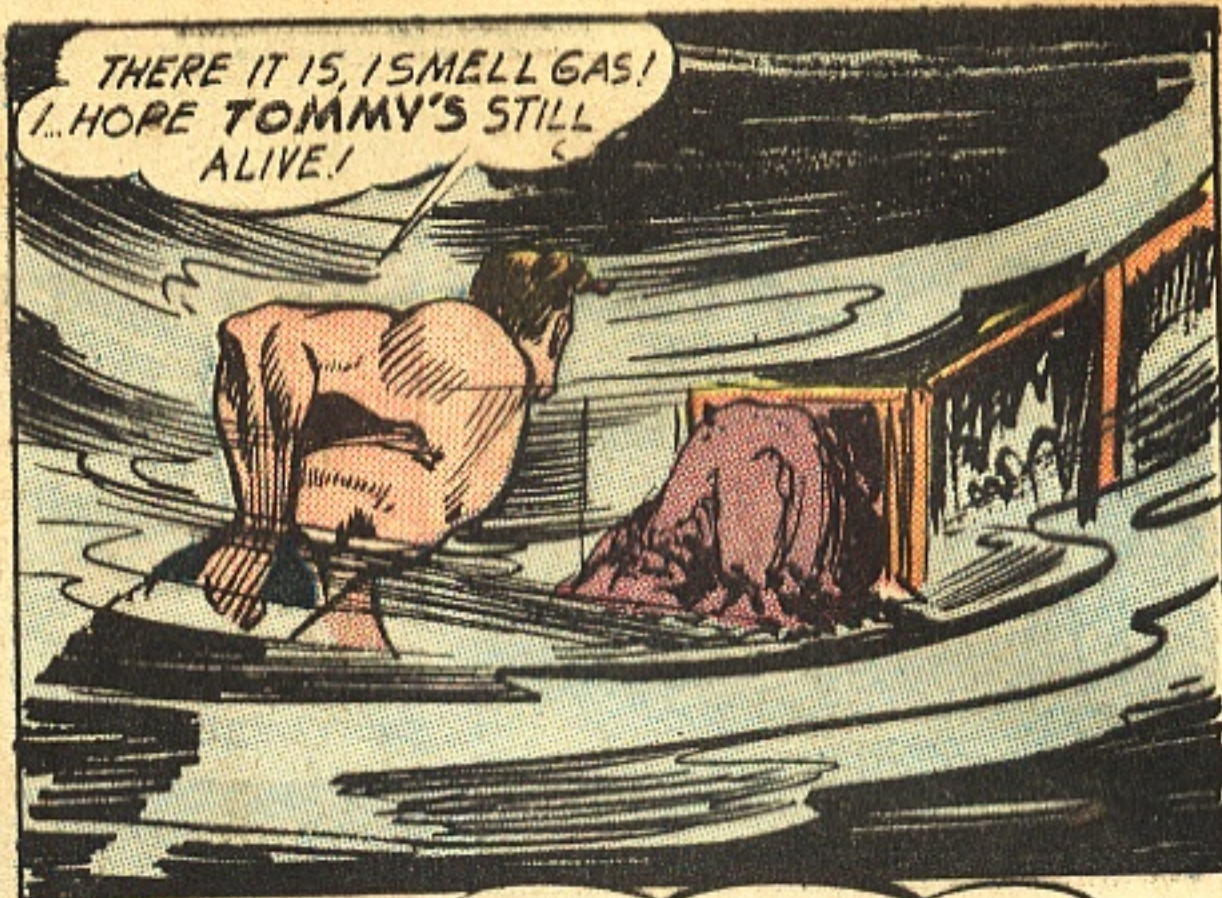


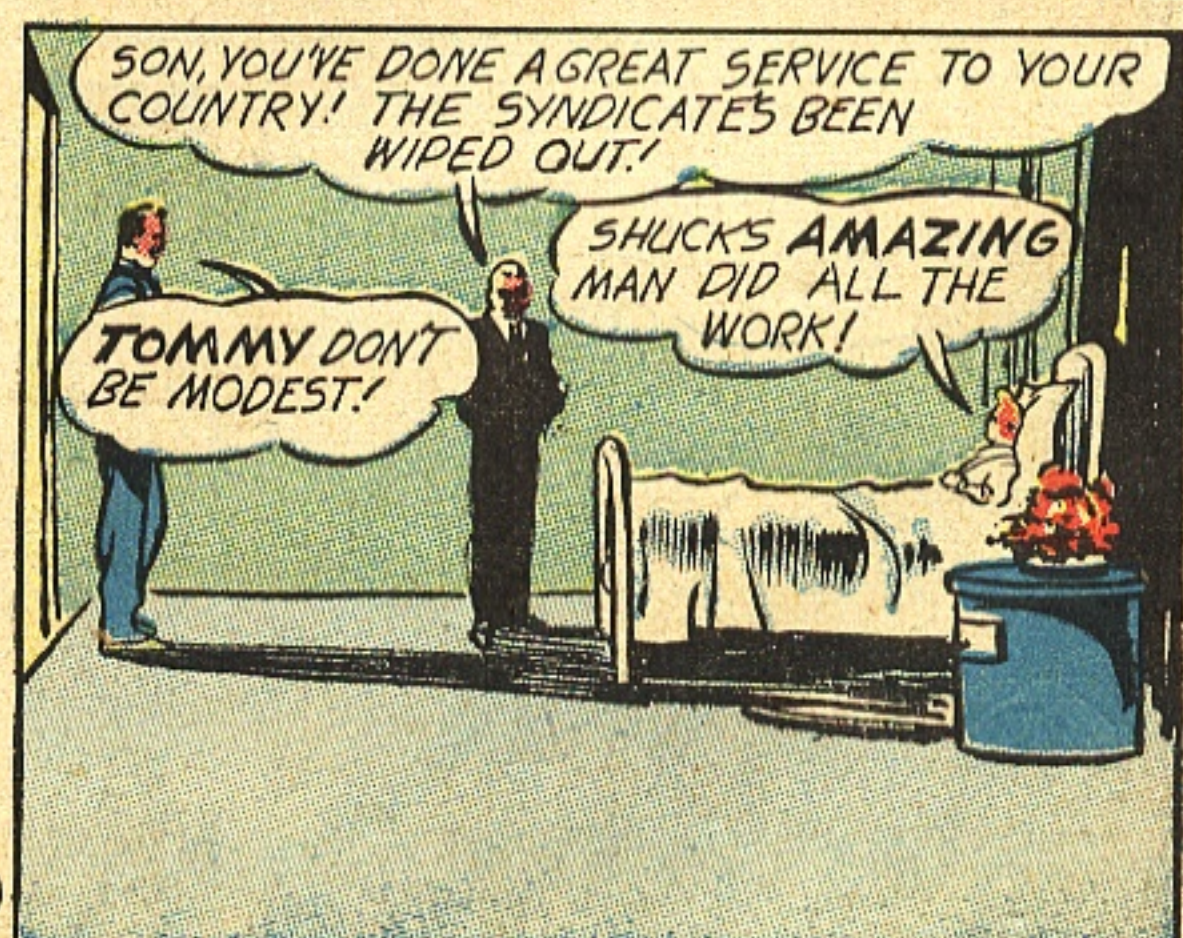
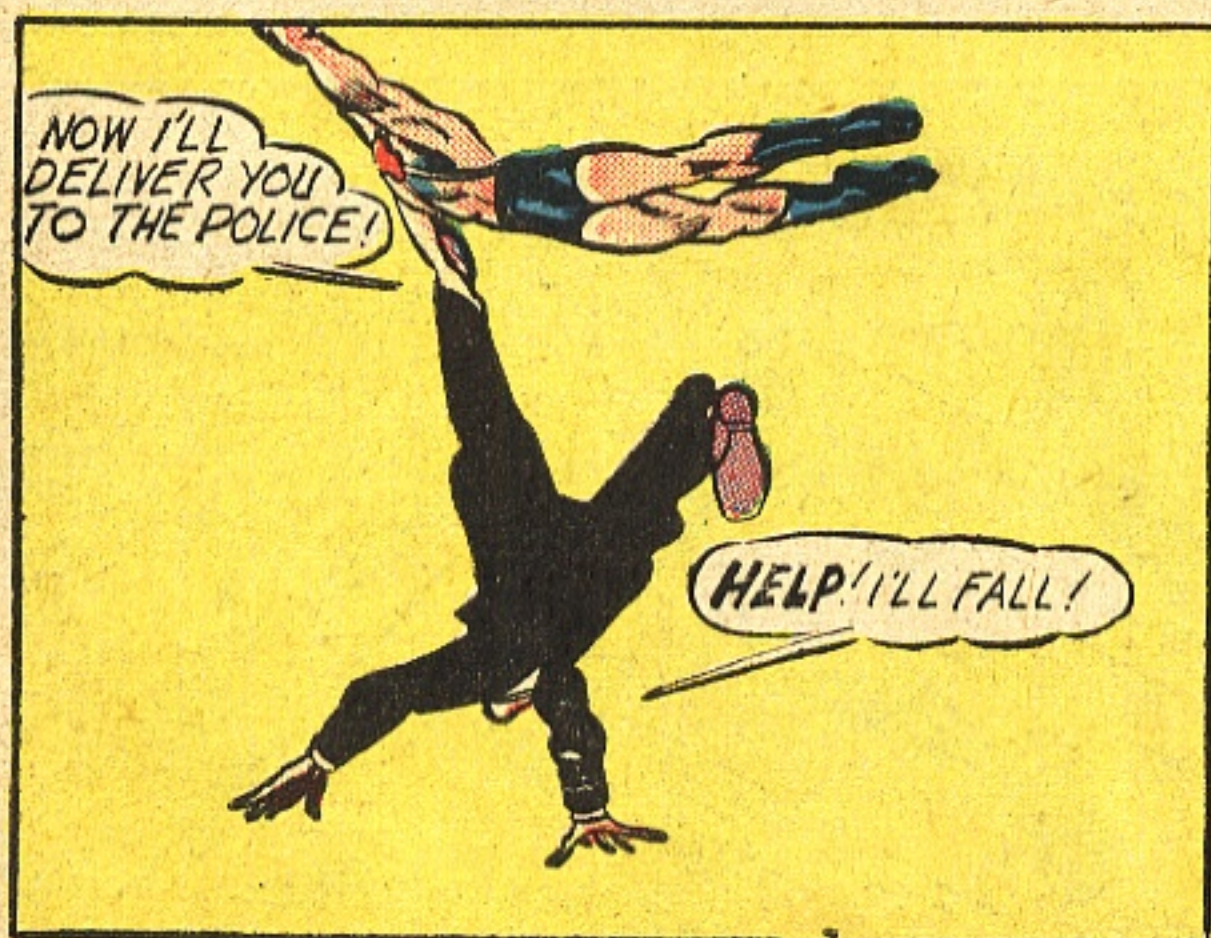
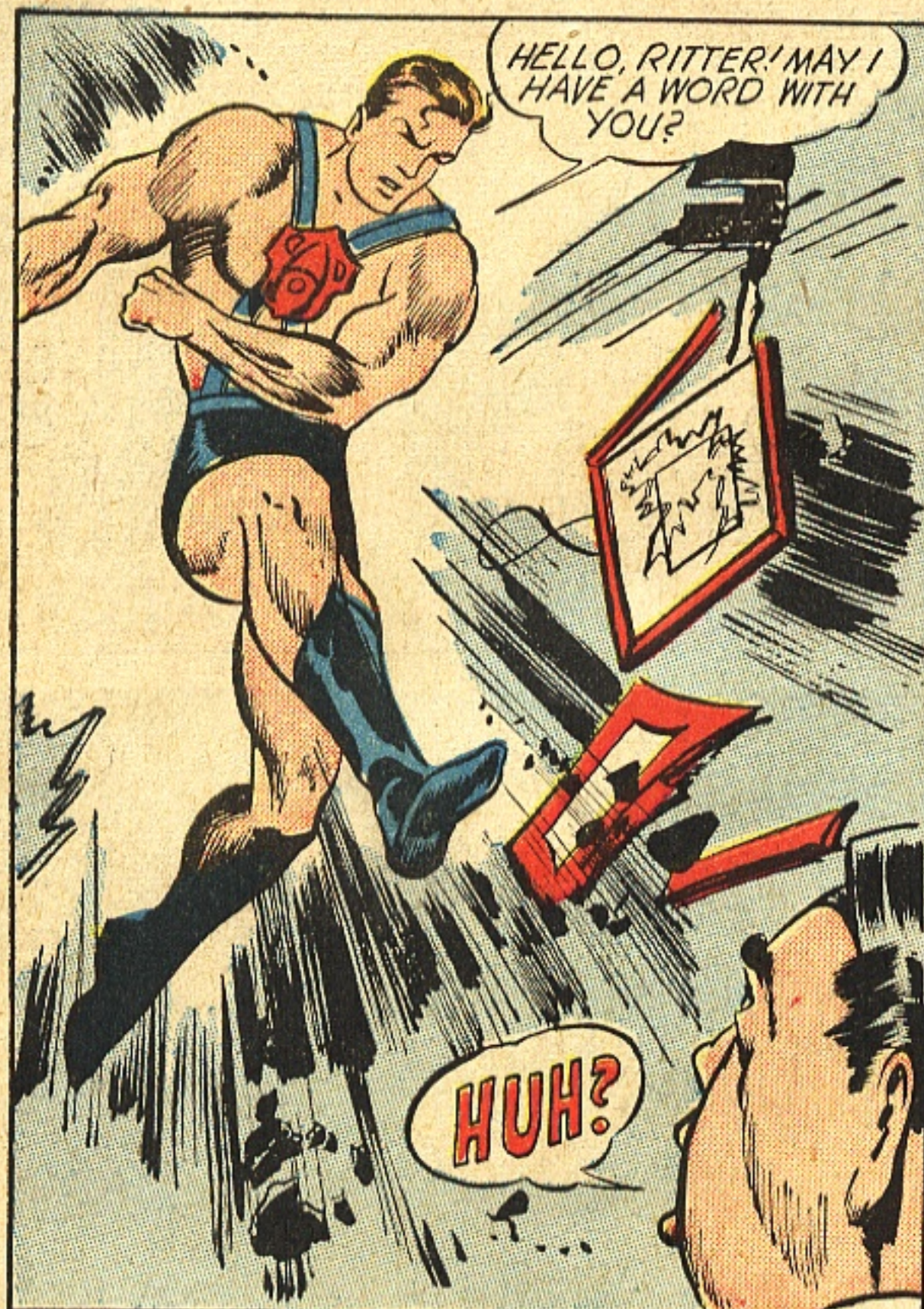
TOO LATE SOMETHINGS HAPPENED ALREADY!...



YES A KID WENT INTO THE MINE... A LITTLE WHILE AFTER, THE EXPLOSION OCCURED!

KID! THAT MUST BE TOMMY!





DR. SYNTHÉ

MIRACLE MAN FROM MO

FROM THE PLANET MO, PART OF A SOLAR SYSTEM A MILLION LIGHT YEARS FROM EARTH, COMES THAT STRANGE BEING KNOWN ON EARTH AS "DR. SYNTHÉ," BECAUSE OF HIS ABILITY TO MAKE EVERYTHING ANIMATE AND INANIMATE FROM THE BASIC BUILDING BLOCKS OF NATURE, ELECTRONS AND PROTONS. HE IS PUZZLED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE EARTH AND THEIR WAYS AND WARS, AND TURNS TO HIS TWO YOUNG FRIENDS, RAY AND BETTY TO FIND THE ANSWER----

AS I WAS SAYING, RAY, **EARTHMEN** DO NOT CONSIDER THE **WELFARE** OF THE **MASS OF THE PEOPLE!** IN YOUR NEWS-SAY, WHAT IS A **PROFITEER?**

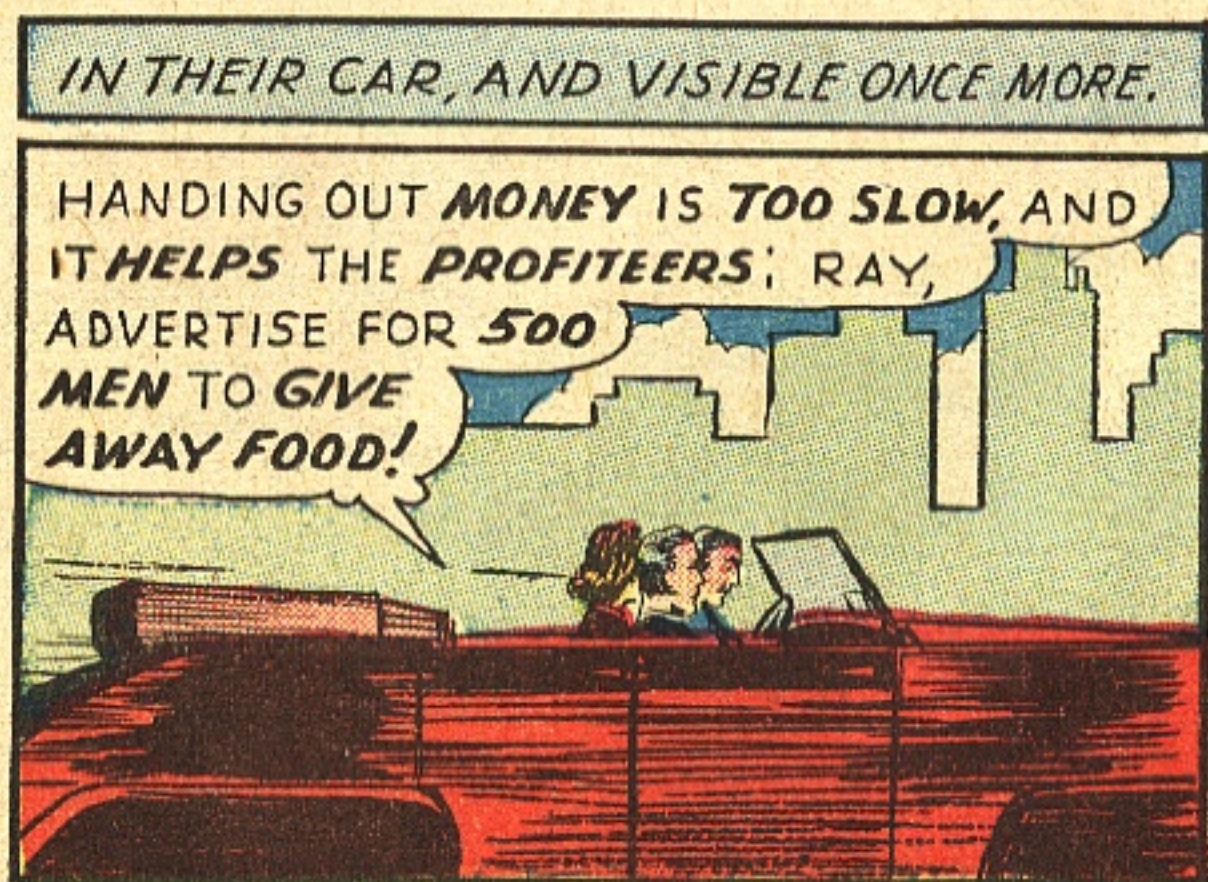
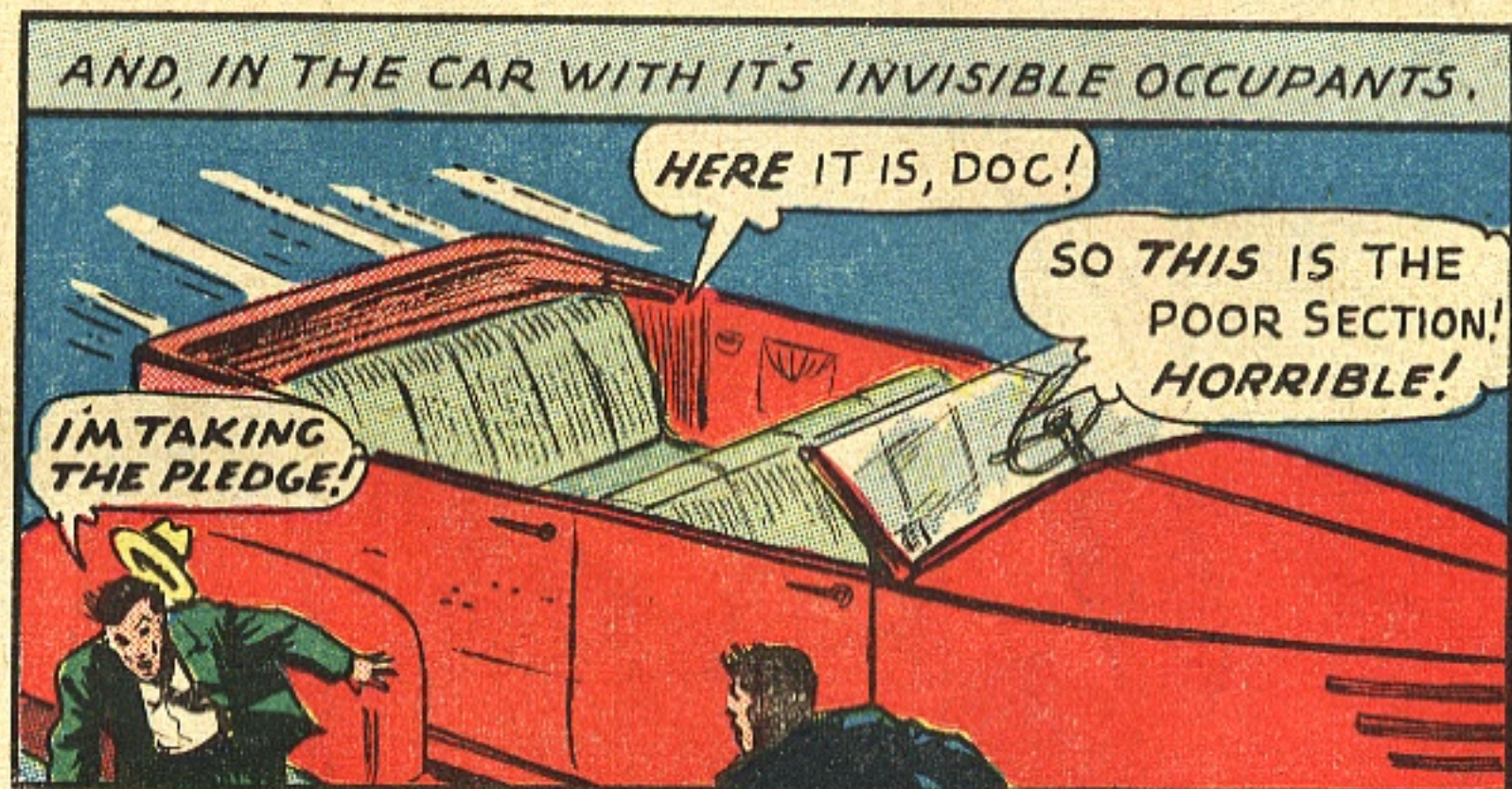
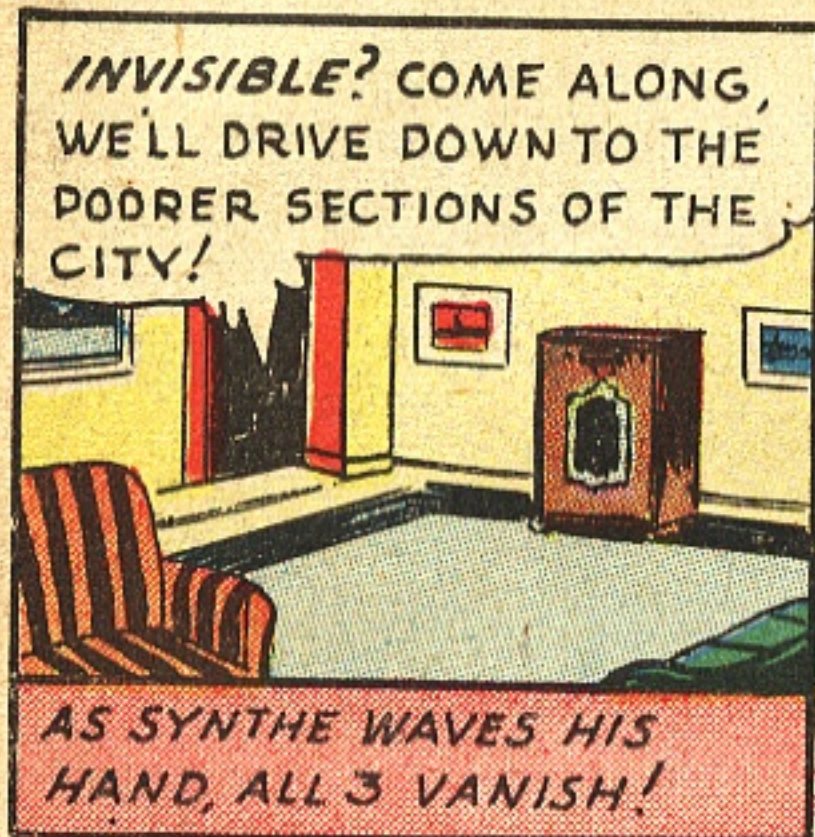
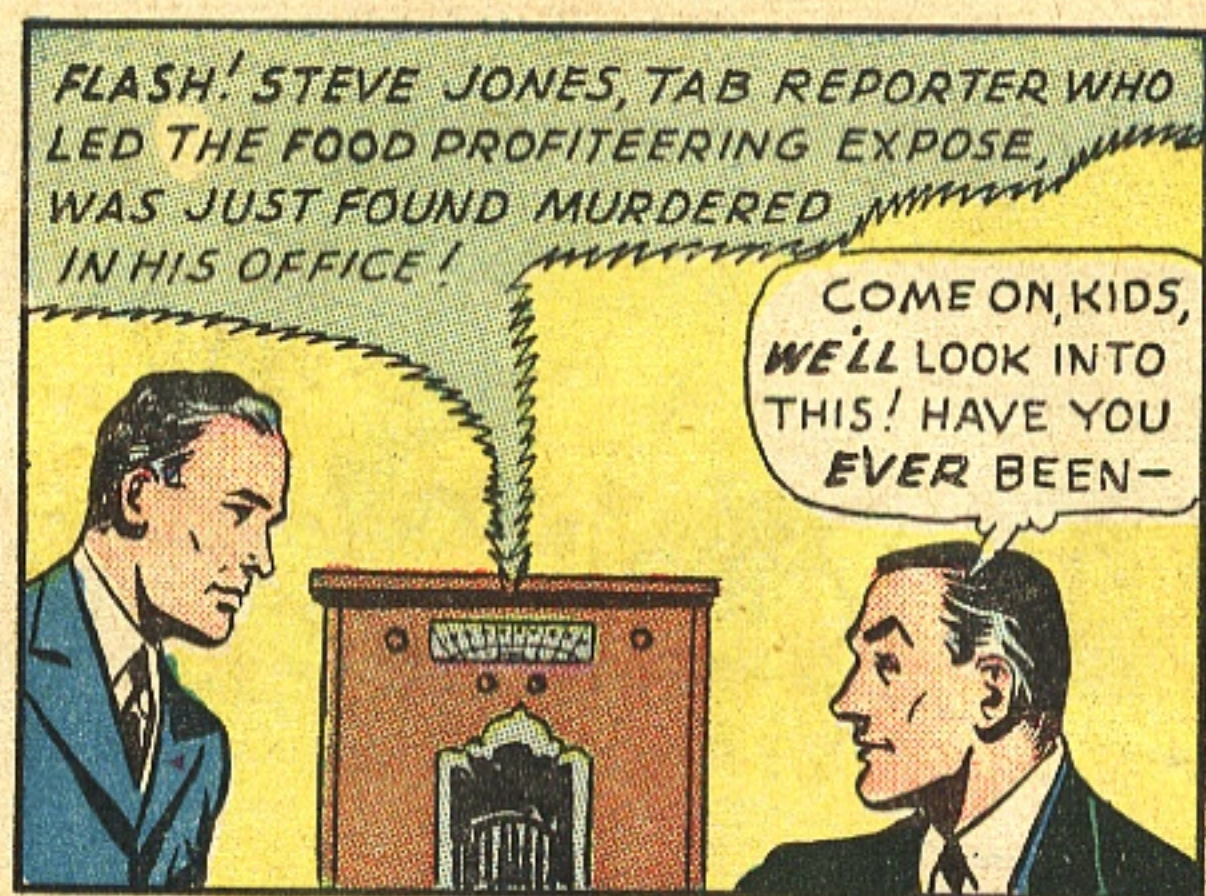
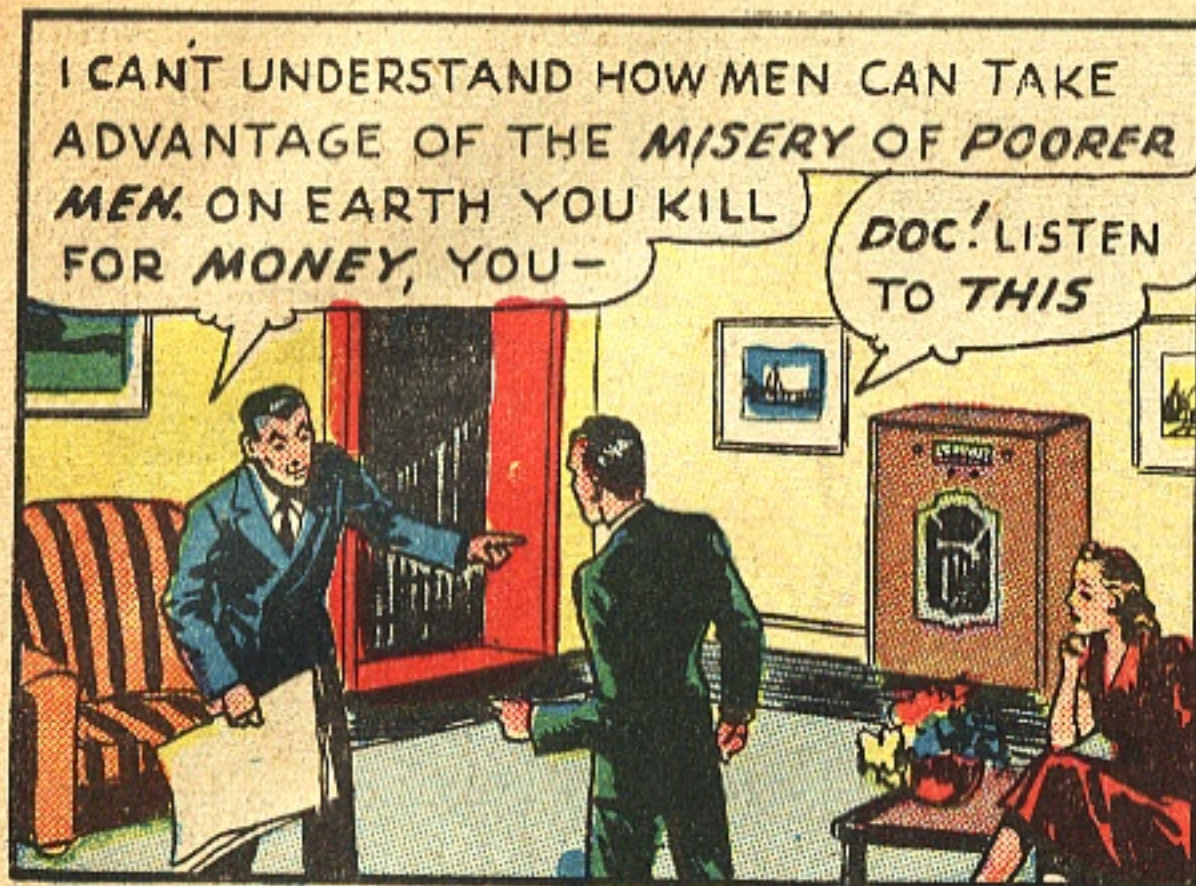
A **PROFITEER?** OH, IN **THIS** CASE SOMEONE WHO IS **TAKING ADVANTAGE** OF **THIS WAR BUSINESS** TO **RAISE FOOD** PRICES. WONDER **WHO HE IS?** THE **TAB** SAYS THEIR REPORTER WILL **EXPOSE HIM!**

PREYING ON THE POOR, EH?

The Daily Tab.
PROFITEERING IN FOOD
TAB REPORTER UNMASKS THE

BUT, EVEN THEN, THE TAB REPORTER-

-IS DEAD, AND HIS EVIDENCE STOLEN.



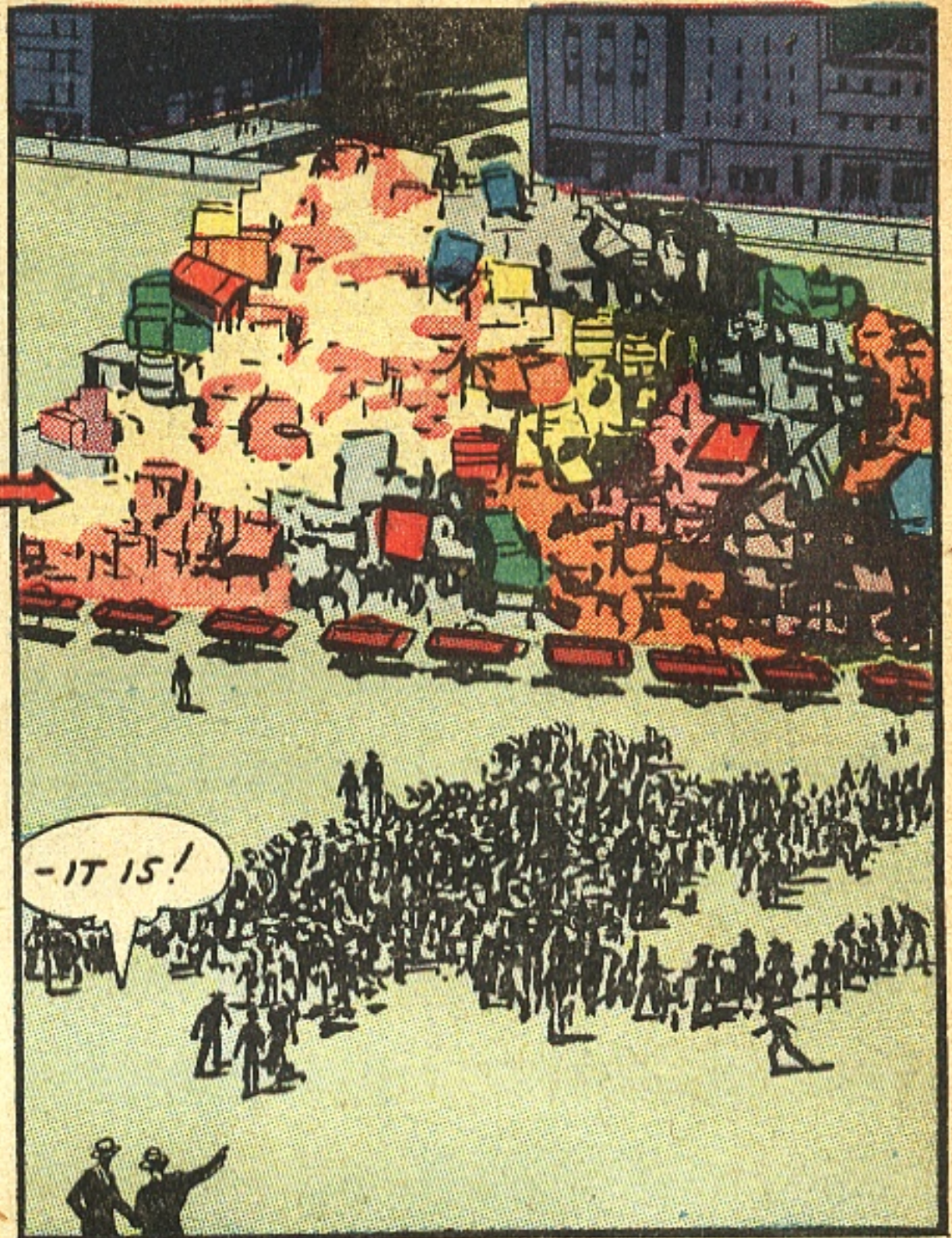
NEXT MORNING - ON A LOT SYNTHÉ BOUGHT.

HERE ARE THE 500 MEN TO GIVE AWAY FOOD - BUT *WHERE'S* THE *FOOD* AND *PUSH-CARTS*?

OH HERE-



A MOUNTAIN OF FOOD, AND 500 PUSH-CARTS ARE MATERIALIZED.



YOU MEN HAVE YOUR ROUTES, GIVE FOOD TO *ANYONE* WHO WANTS IT. THEN *COME BACK* AND LOAD UP AGAIN!



AN HOUR LATER IN A BUSINESS OFFICE.

BOSS! THERE'S *PUSH-CARTS* OF *FOOD* ALL OVER *TOWN*-

WE HAD AN ANTI-PEDDLERS LAW PASSED! *USE IT!*



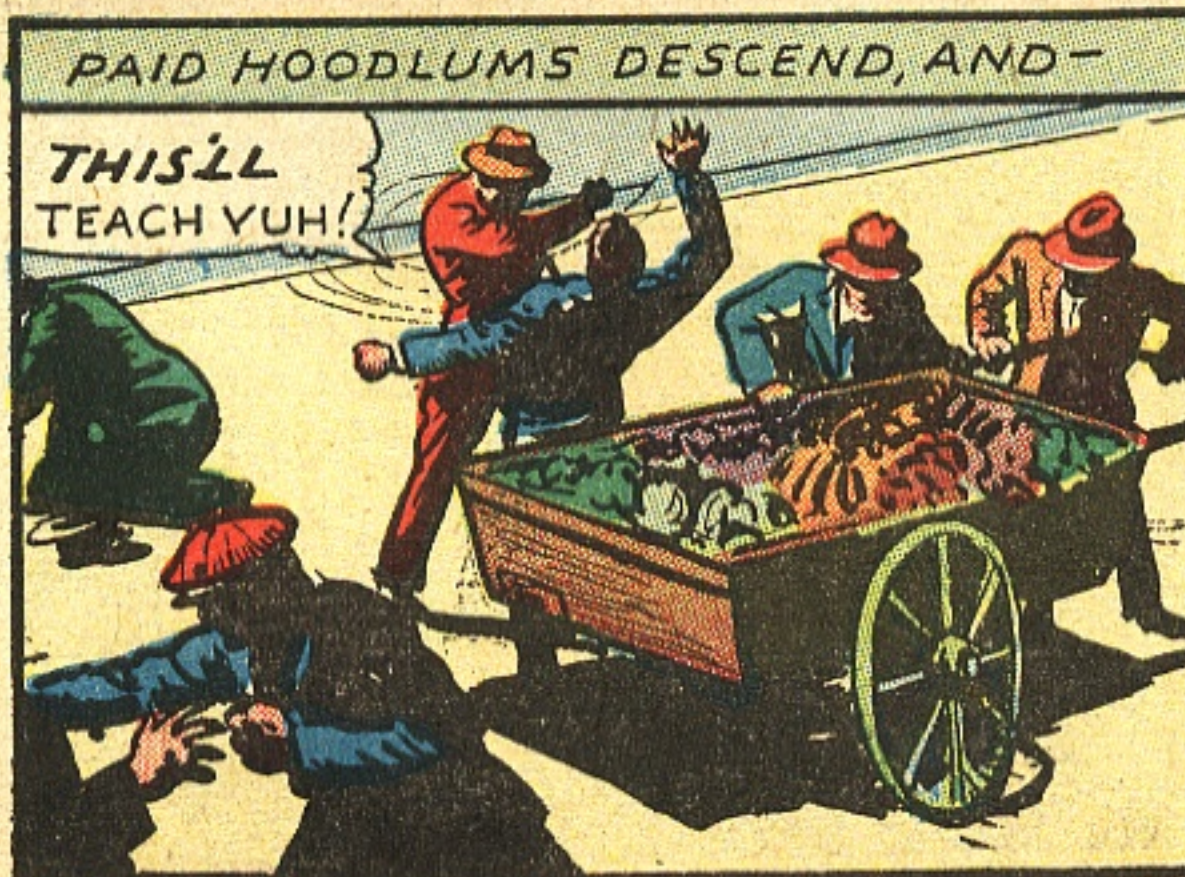
THEY AIN'T *SELLIN'* IT! THEY'RE *GIVIN'* IT AWAY. AND THIS *DOC SYNTHÉ'S* BEHIND IT!

TRY ROUGH-ING UP THE MEN, AND WRECKING THE CARTS.

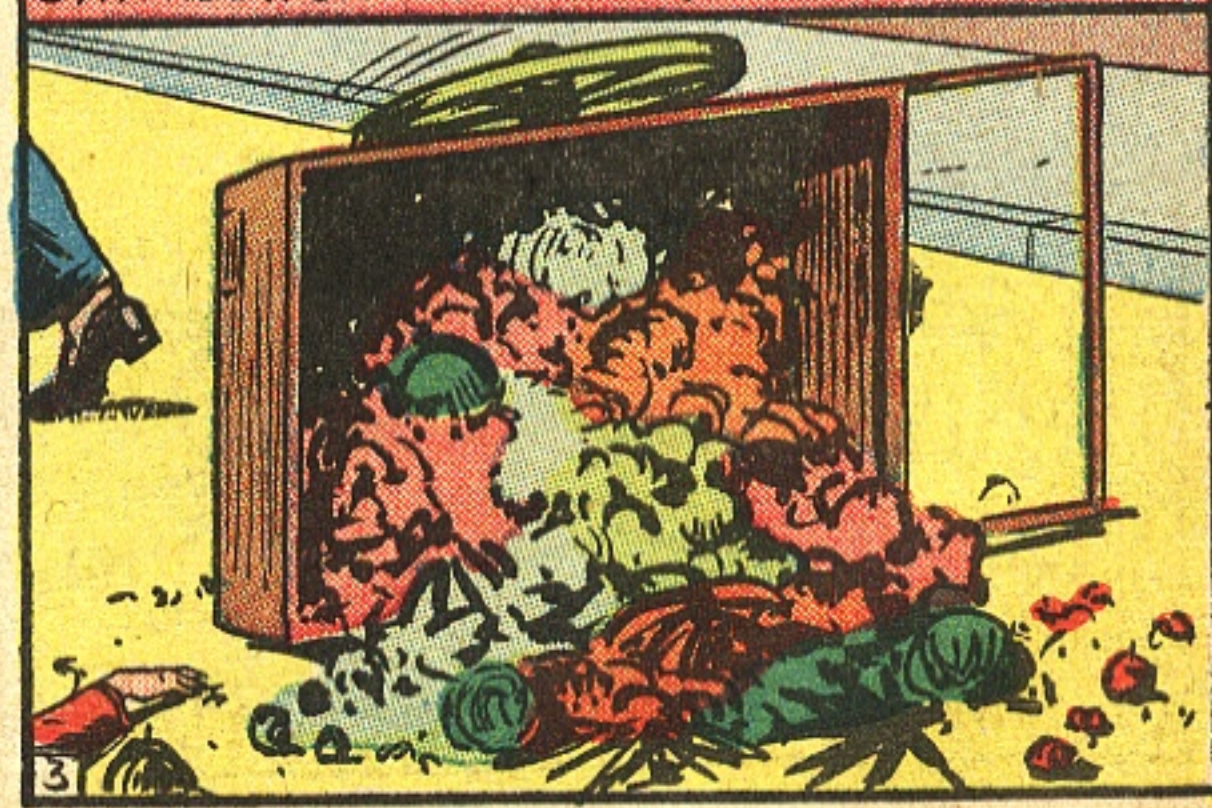


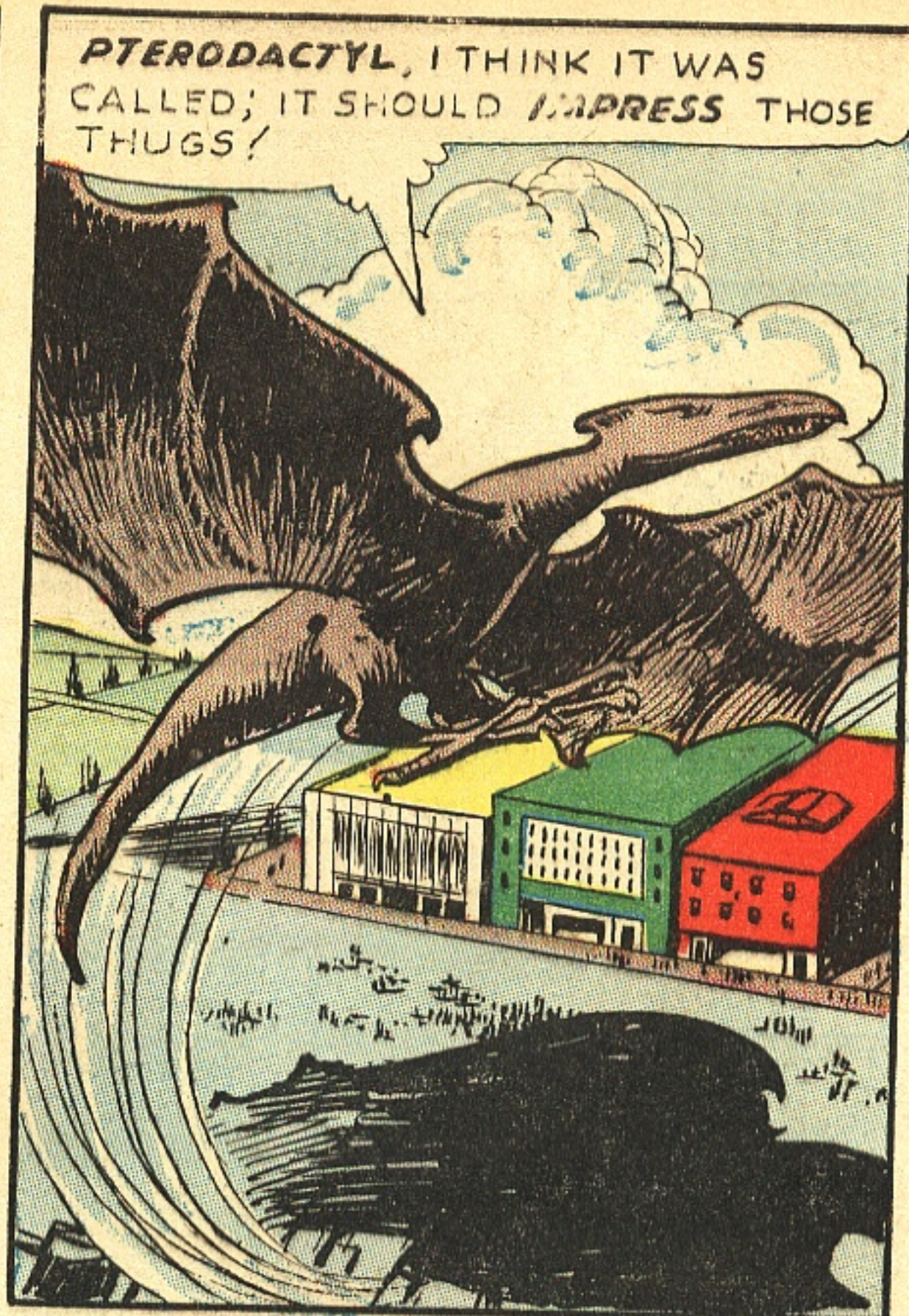
PAID HOODLUMS DESCEND, AND-

THIS'LL TEACH YUH!

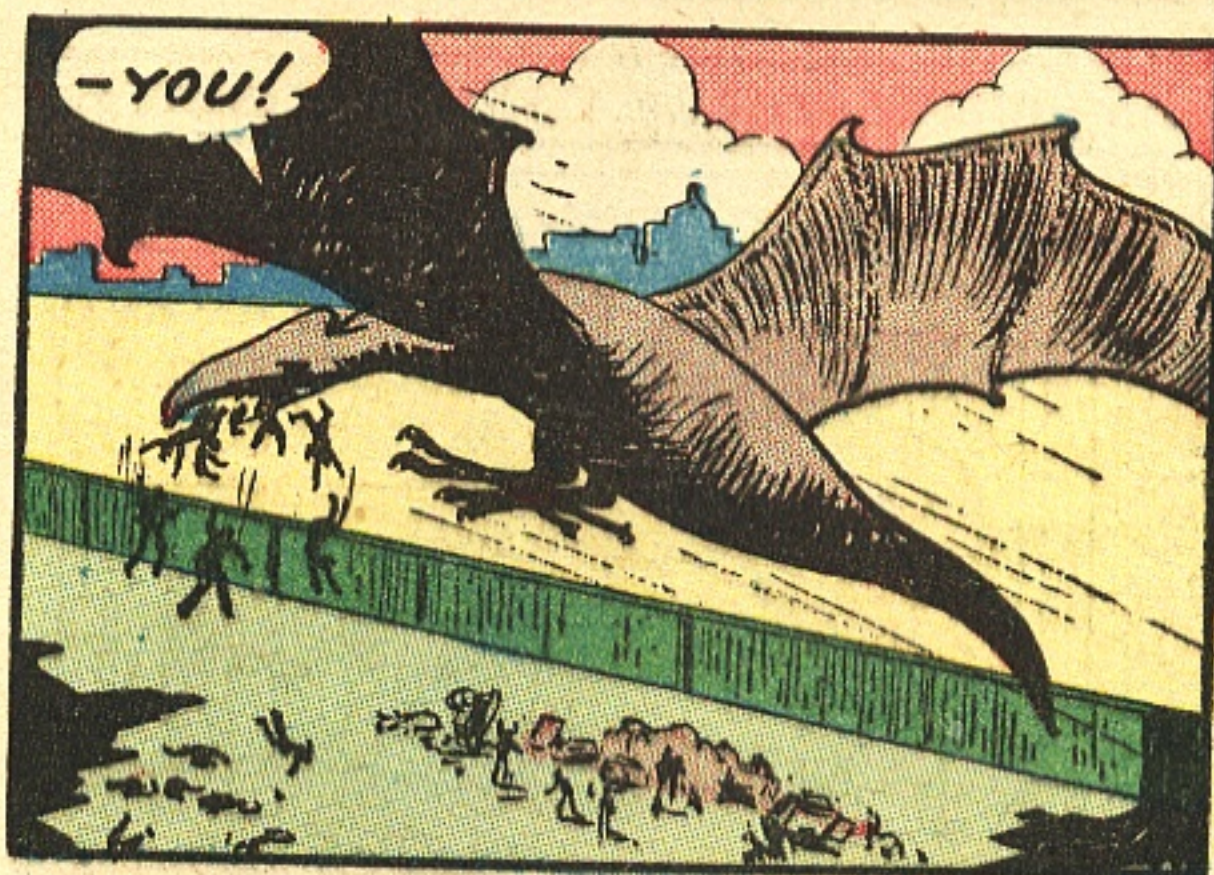


SYNTHÉ'S MEN ARE BEATEN, CARTS WRECKED.





AS THE PTERODACTYL, SYNTHES SWOOPS ON THE PROFITEER'S THUGS.



THAT NIGHT, SIMEON STONE, A PHILANTHROPIST, CALLS ON SYNTHES.



THE NEXT DAY FOOD PRICES DROP, BUT
SYNTHE'S FREE FOOD CARTS STILL ROLL



BOSS, UNLESS YOU DO *SOMETHING*, YOU'RE
RUINED! 3 WARE-HOUSES FULL—



YES, MR STONE! IF IT'S THAT, VITAL
I'LL MEET YOU! I'LL LEAVE NOW!



A *QUEER* PLACE FOR A MEETING WITH
A MAN LIKE *STONE*!

THERE HE
IS! *FOG*
HIM!



TAKE IT!

YOU *FOOLS*. YOU
CAN'T KILL *ME*!



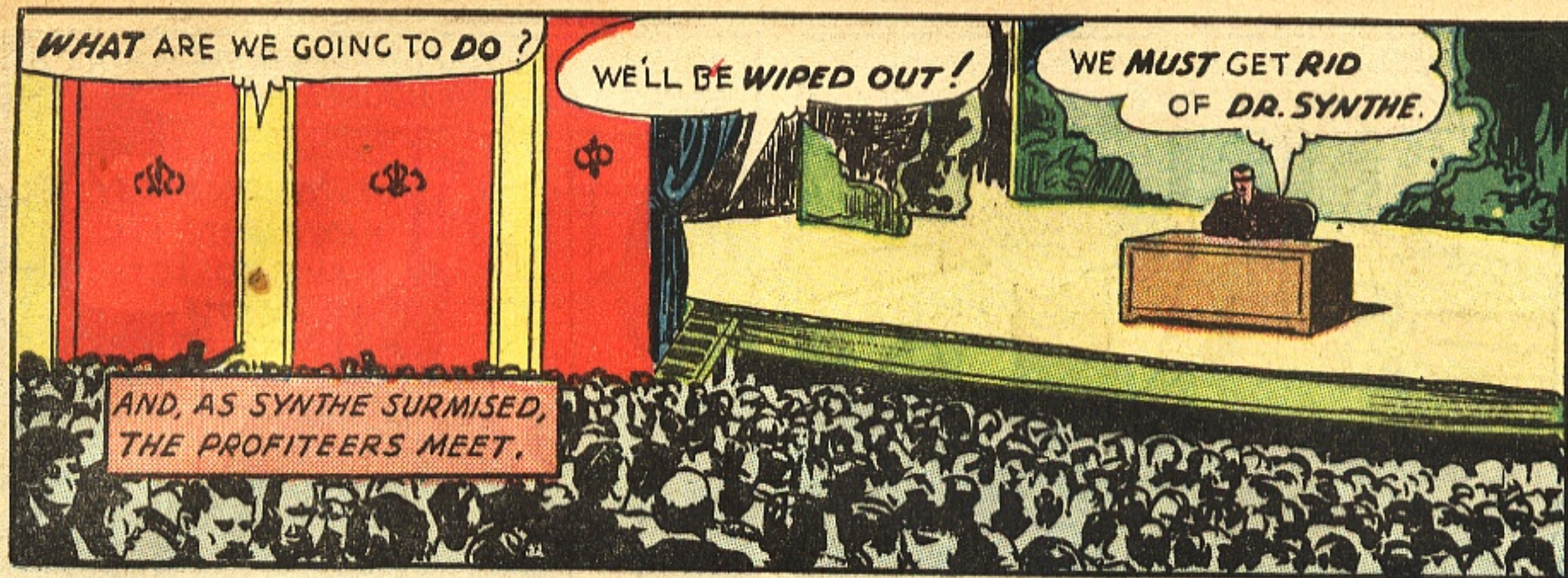
AS SYNTHE GESTURES, EACH KILLER
SEES THE OTHER AS SYNTHE.

POETIC JUSTICE!



NOW I'LL GET THE *FIEND* BEHIND
THIS *WHOLE SMELLY BUSINESS*.
THOSE *VULTURES* WILL HOLD A
COUNCIL OF WAR—



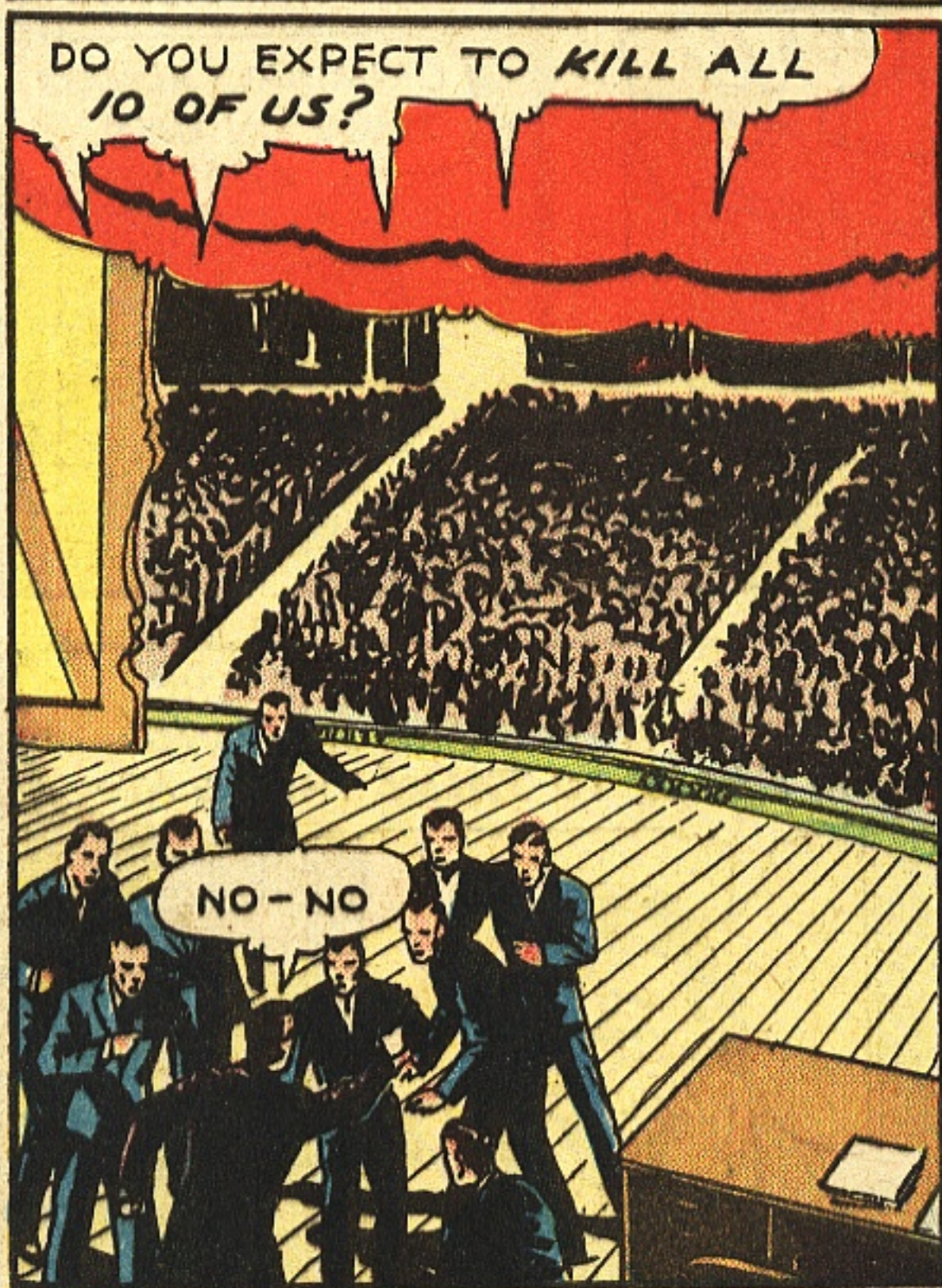


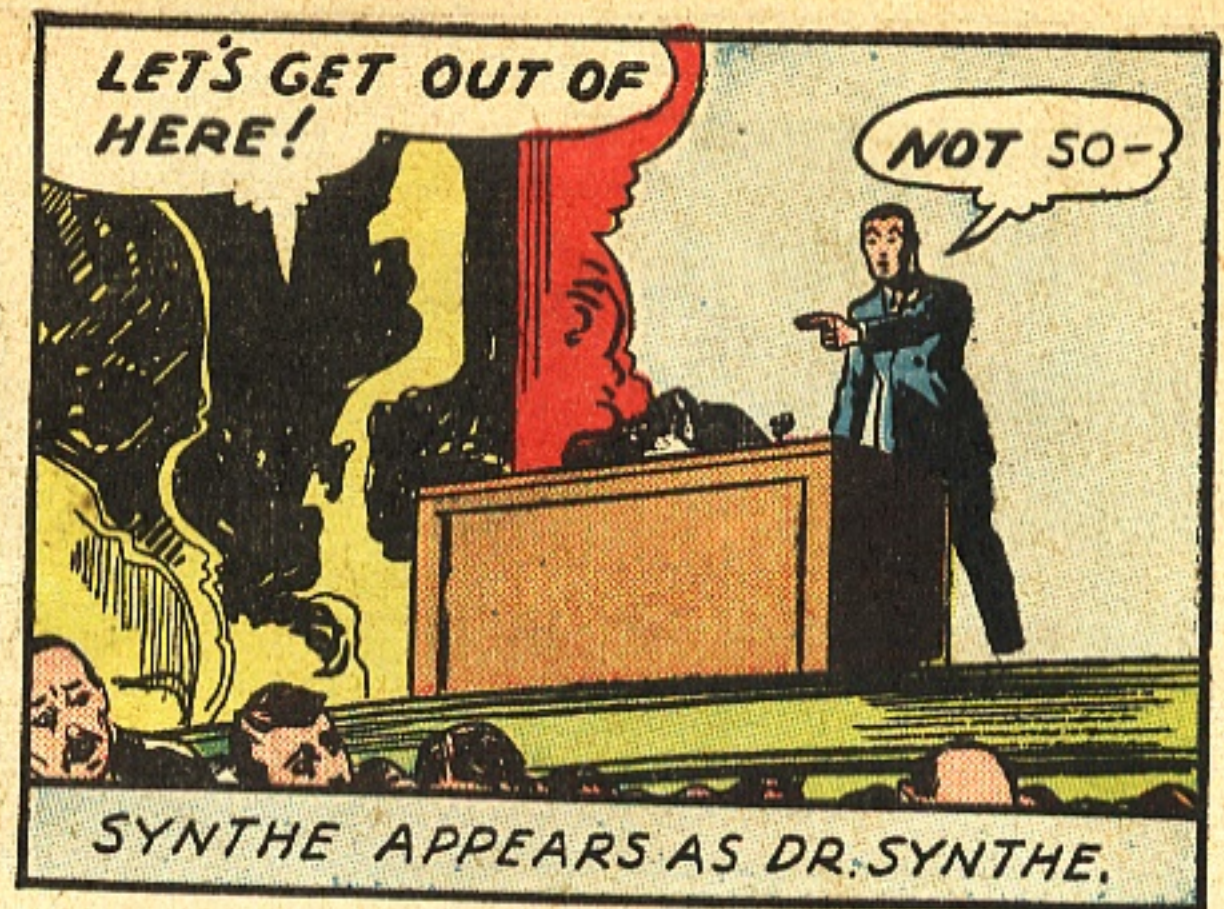
SYNTHÉ APPEARS AS THE MURDERED REPORTER, STEVE JONES.



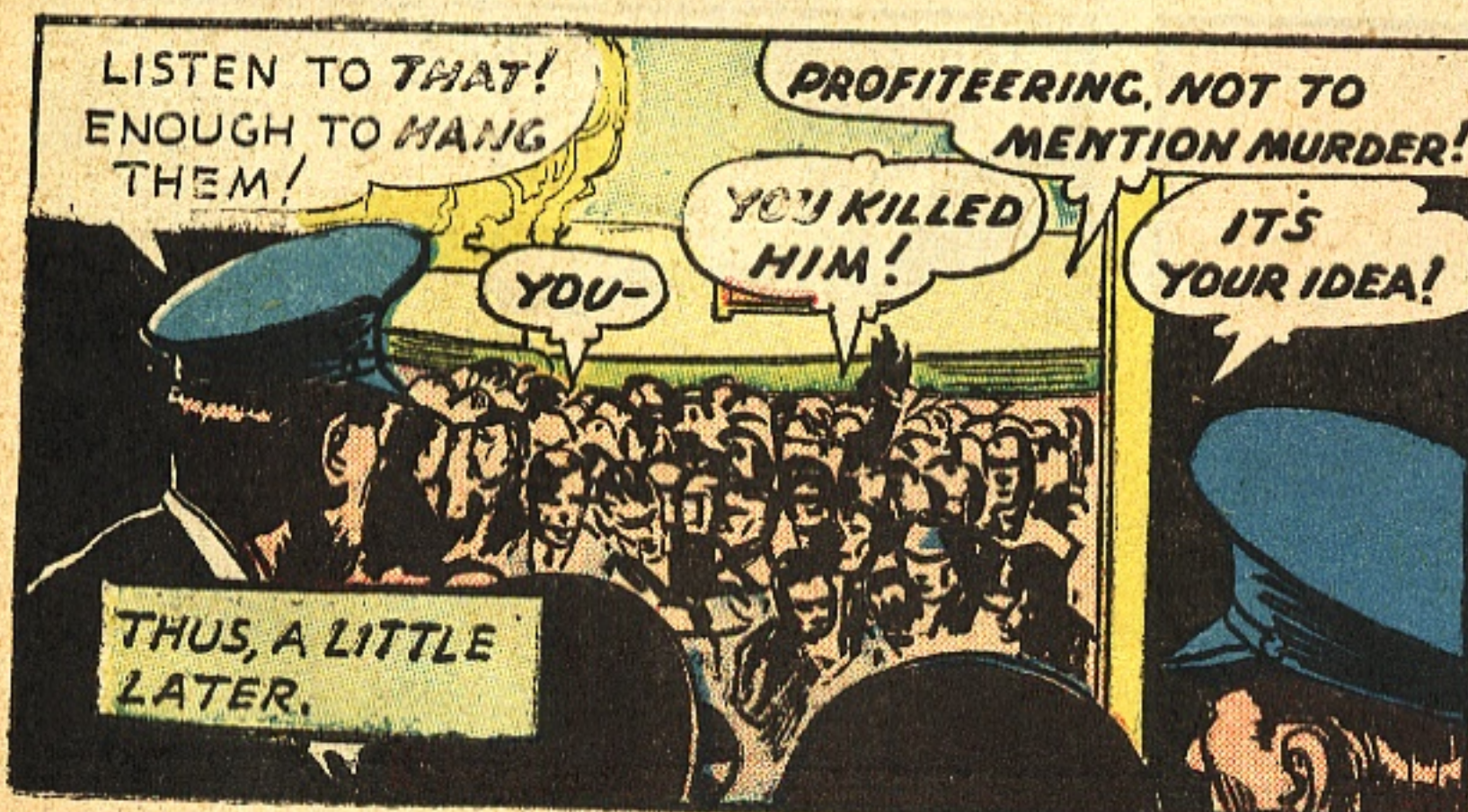


SYNTHE BECOMES 10 STEVE JONESES.

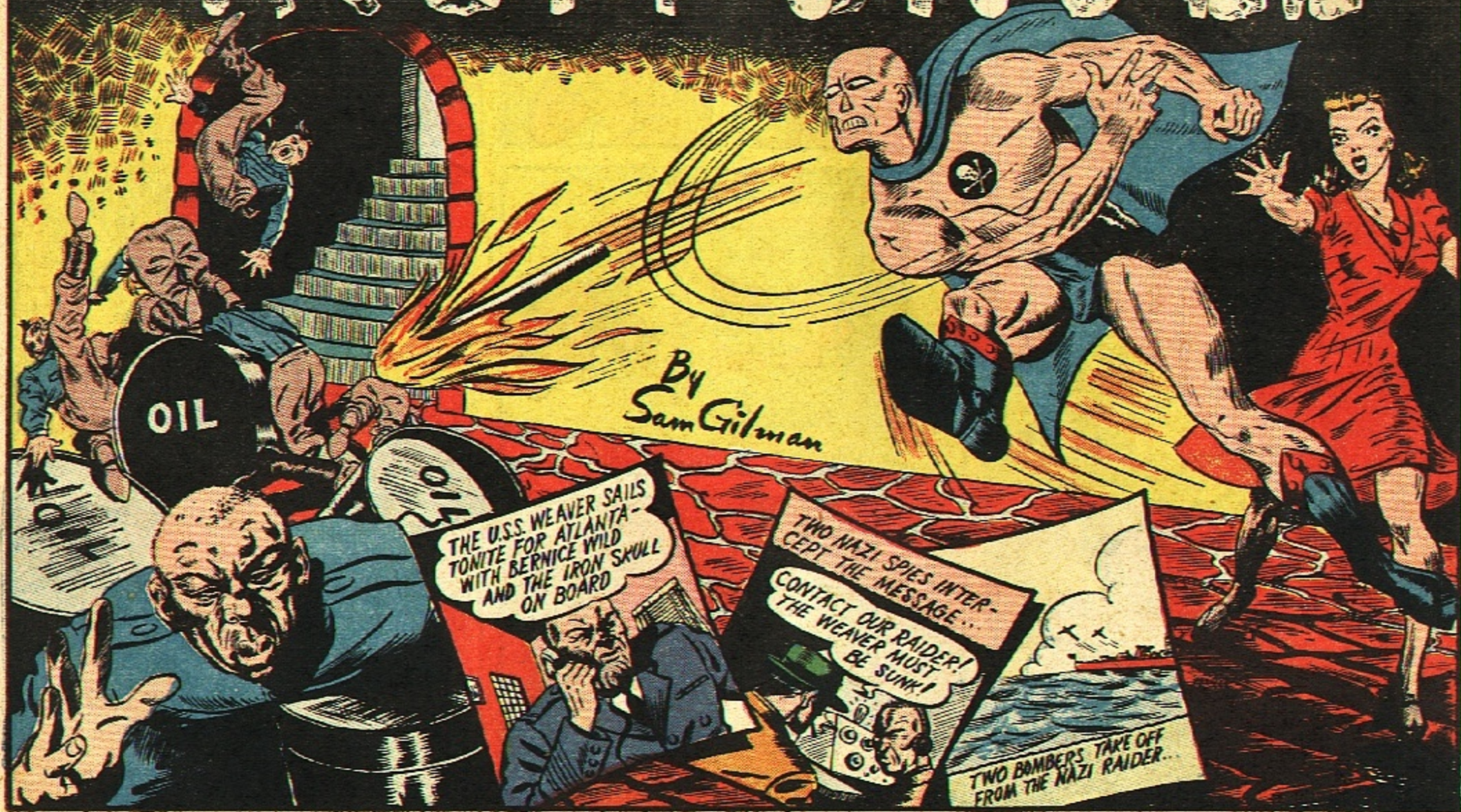




HANDCUFFS MATERIALIZE ON THE LEGS AND ARMS OF THE PROFITEERS.



The



By
Sam Gilman

THE U.S.S. WEAVER SAILS
TONITE FOR ATLANTA
WITH BERNICE WILD
AND THE IRON SKULL
ON BOARD

TWO NAZI SPIES INTER-
CEPT THE MESSAGE...
CONTACT OUR RAIDER!
THE WEAVER MUST
BE SUNK!

TWO BOMBERS TAKE OFF
FROM THE NAZI RAIDER...

IN A FLASH THE SKULL
ZOOMS UPWARDS IN THE
DIRECTION OF THE BOMBS

FALLING AWAY FROM THE BOMBS,
AS HE CATCHES THEM, THE SKULL
RENDERS THEM HARMLESS

THE ENEMY PLANES LET
DROP THEIR CARGO OF DEATH

NOW FOR
THOSE
PLANES!

DUMKOPF~ YOU ARE
SHOT!~ VV DON'T
YOU DIE?!

THE STARTLED ENEMY
PILOTS OPEN FIRE AT
THE APPROACHING SKULL

IN THE FACE OF THE WITHERING FIRE
FROM THE PLANES, THE SKULL CRASHES
HEAD ON INTO THE NEAREST ONE...

DUNNERVETTER!
VE CAN'T KILL
HIM! VASS ISS?

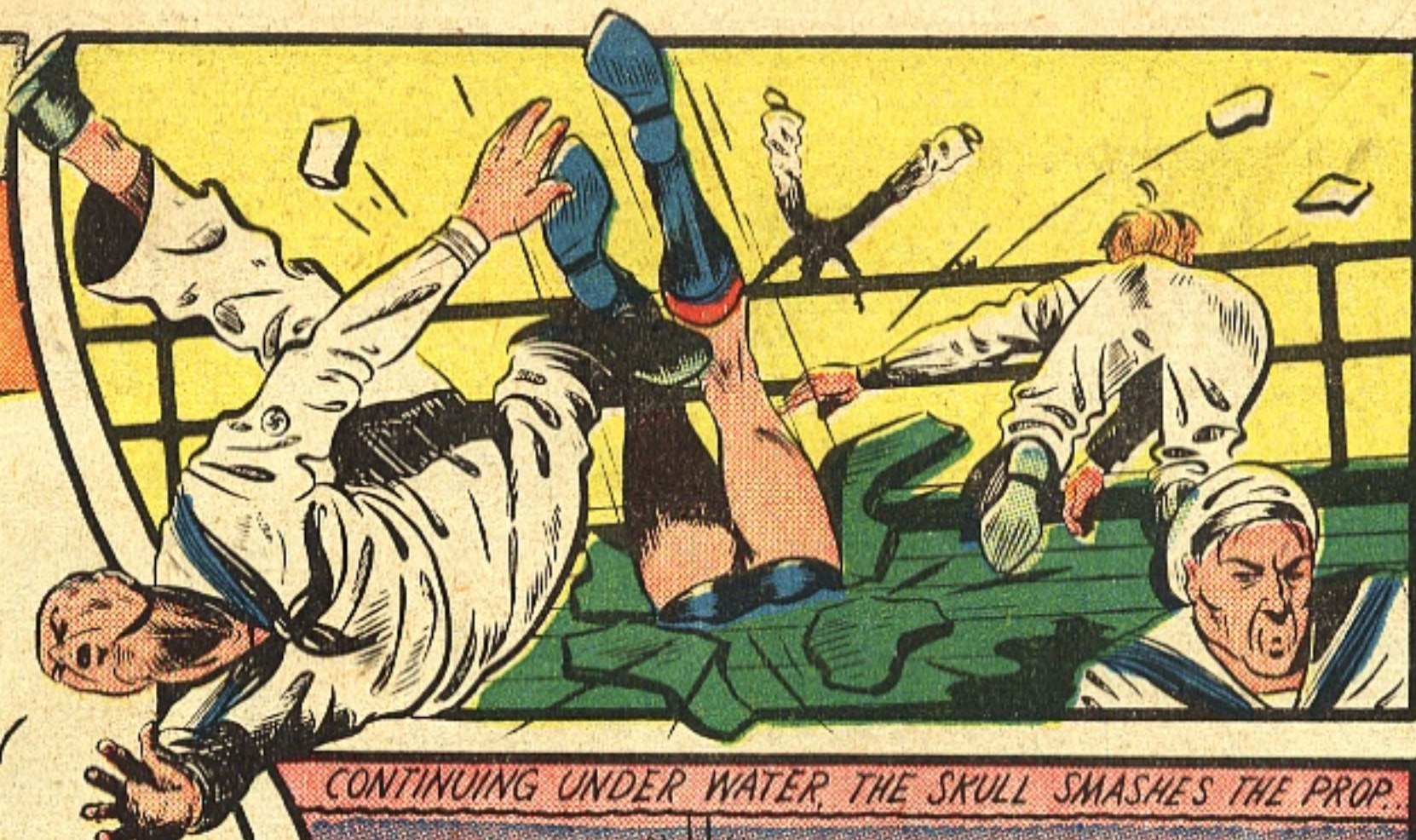
WELL, WELL~ OF ALL
PEOPLE TO BUMP
INTO... HEIL-LO!

SMASHING THE FIRST PLANE,
THE SKULL DIVES RELENTLESSLY
AFTER THE OTHER...

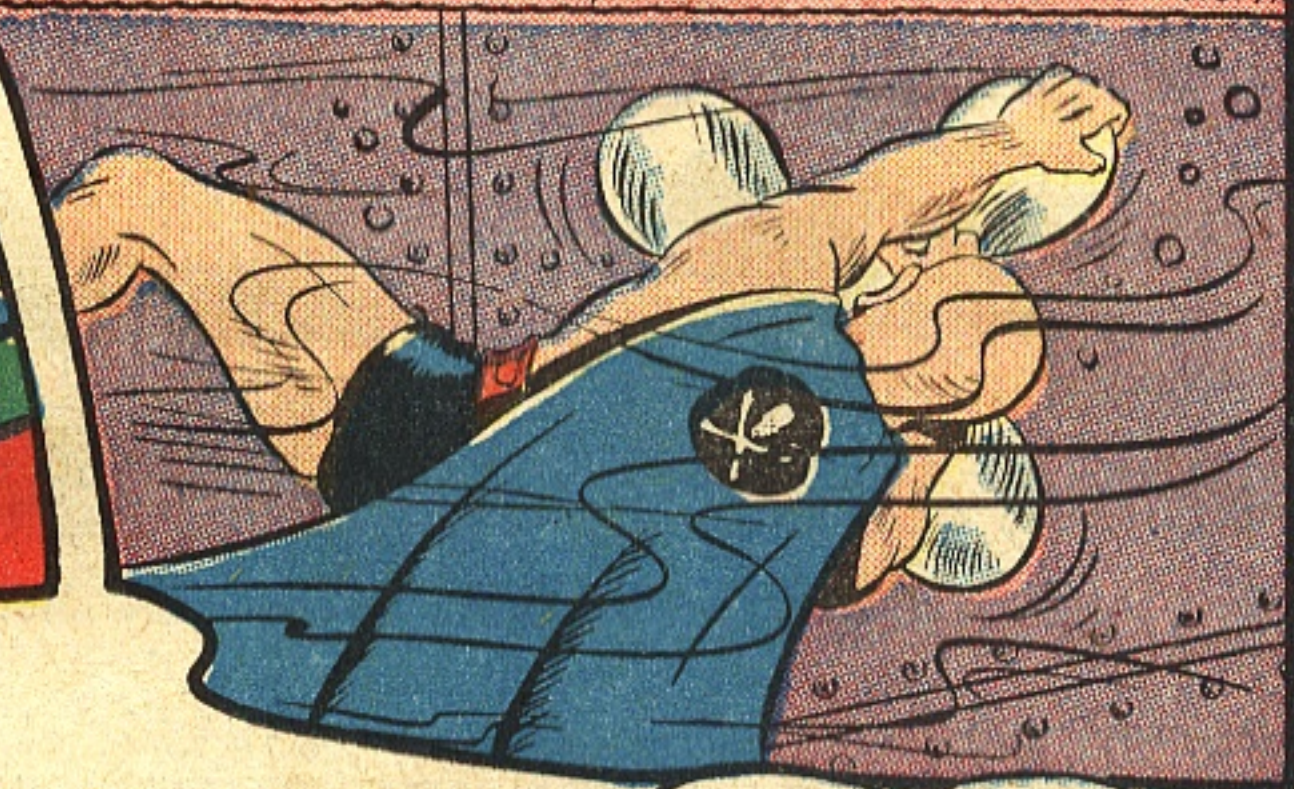
AND DIVES RIGHT THRU THE MIDDLE OF THE SHIP...



FINISHING OFF THE TWO PLANES, THE SKULL GOES INTO A POWER DIVE AND HEADS FOR THE RAIDER...



CONTINUING UNDER WATER, THE SKULL SMASHES THE PROP.

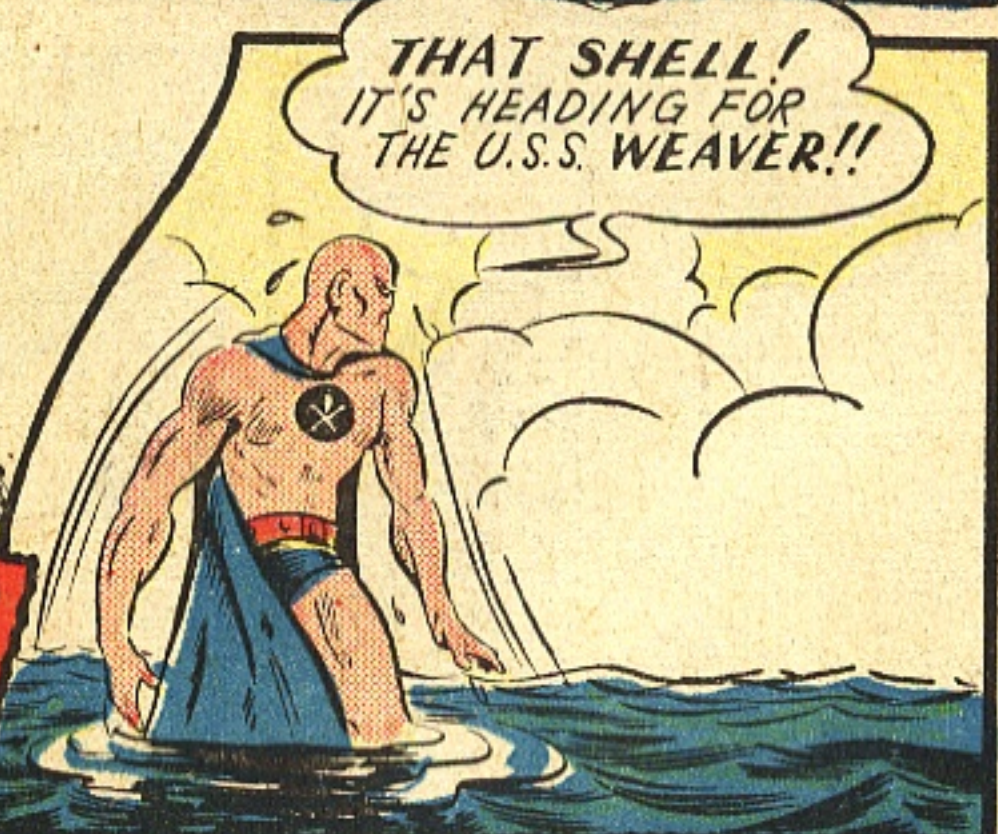


FIRE!

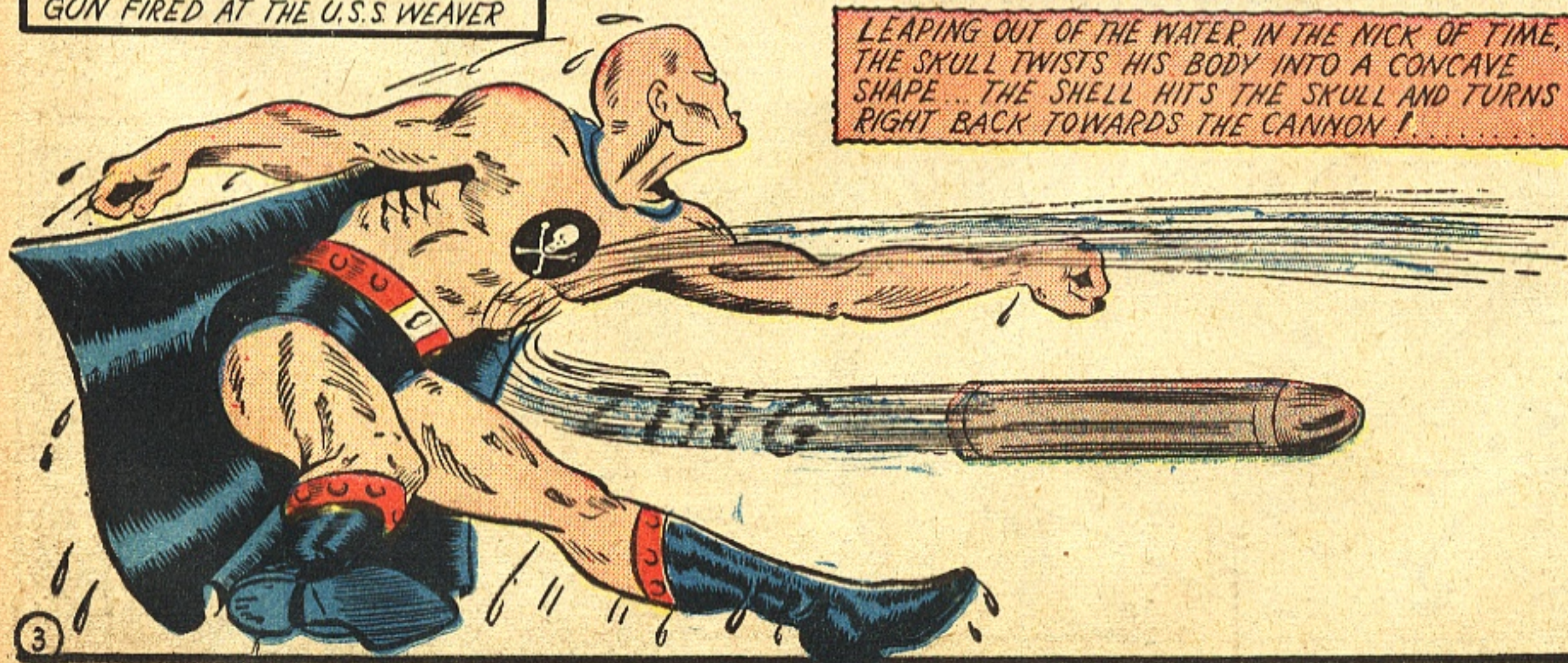
ON THE ISLAND OF ATLANTA, THE COMMANDER ORDERS THE BIG GUN FIRED AT THE U.S.S. WEAVER

BOOM

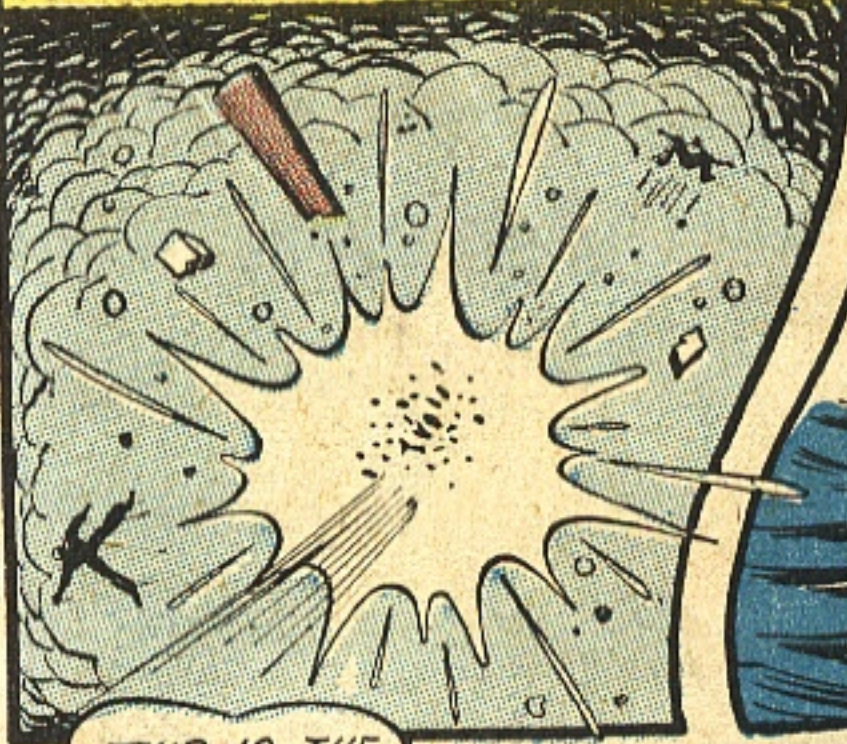
THAT SHELL!
IT'S HEADING FOR
THE U.S.S. WEAVER!!



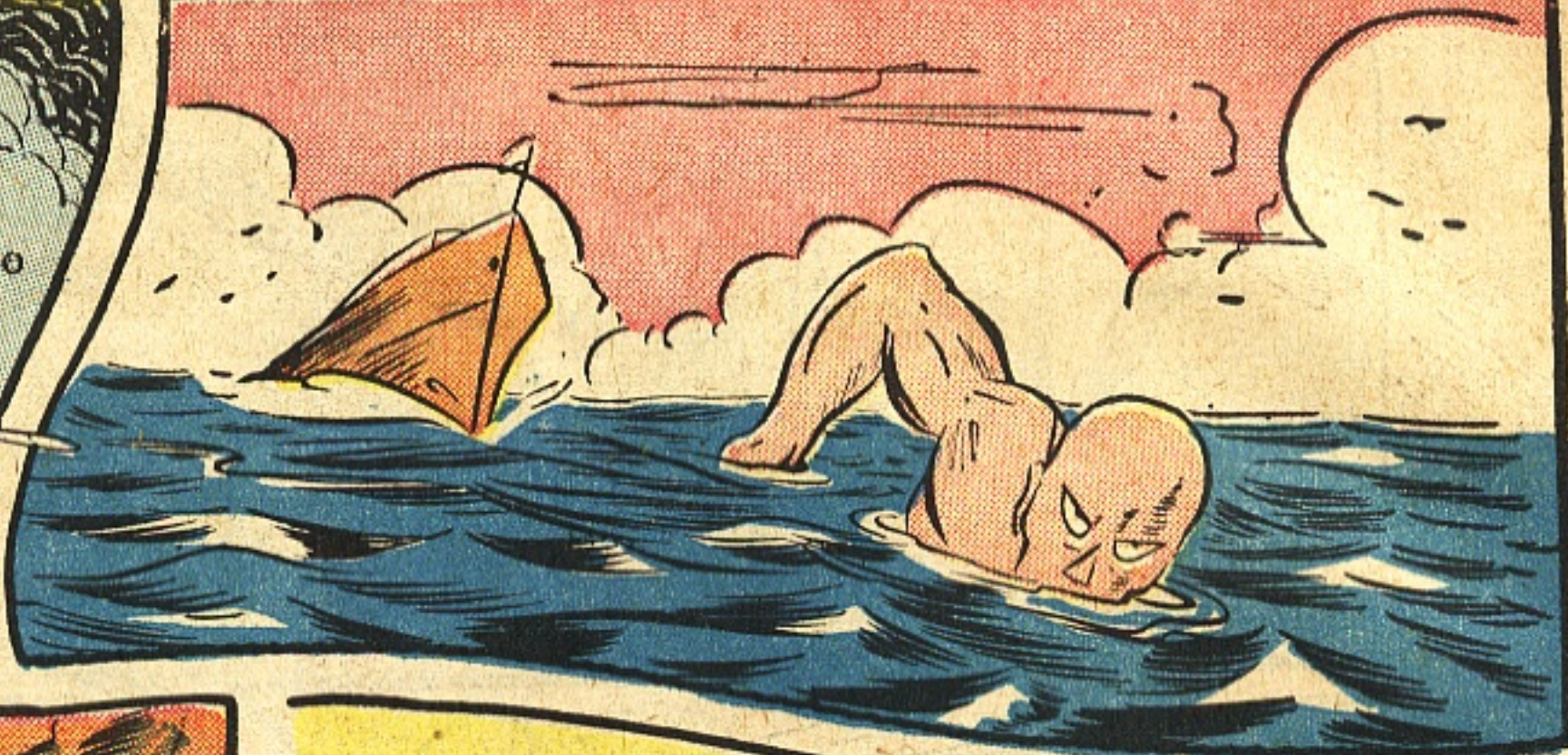
LEAPING OUT OF THE WATER, IN THE NICK OF TIME, THE SKULL TWISTS HIS BODY INTO A CONCAVE SHAPE... THE SHELL HITS THE SKULL AND TURNS RIGHT BACK TOWARDS THE CANNON!



THE SHELL SPEEDS RIGHT BACK TO ITS STARTING POINT AND...



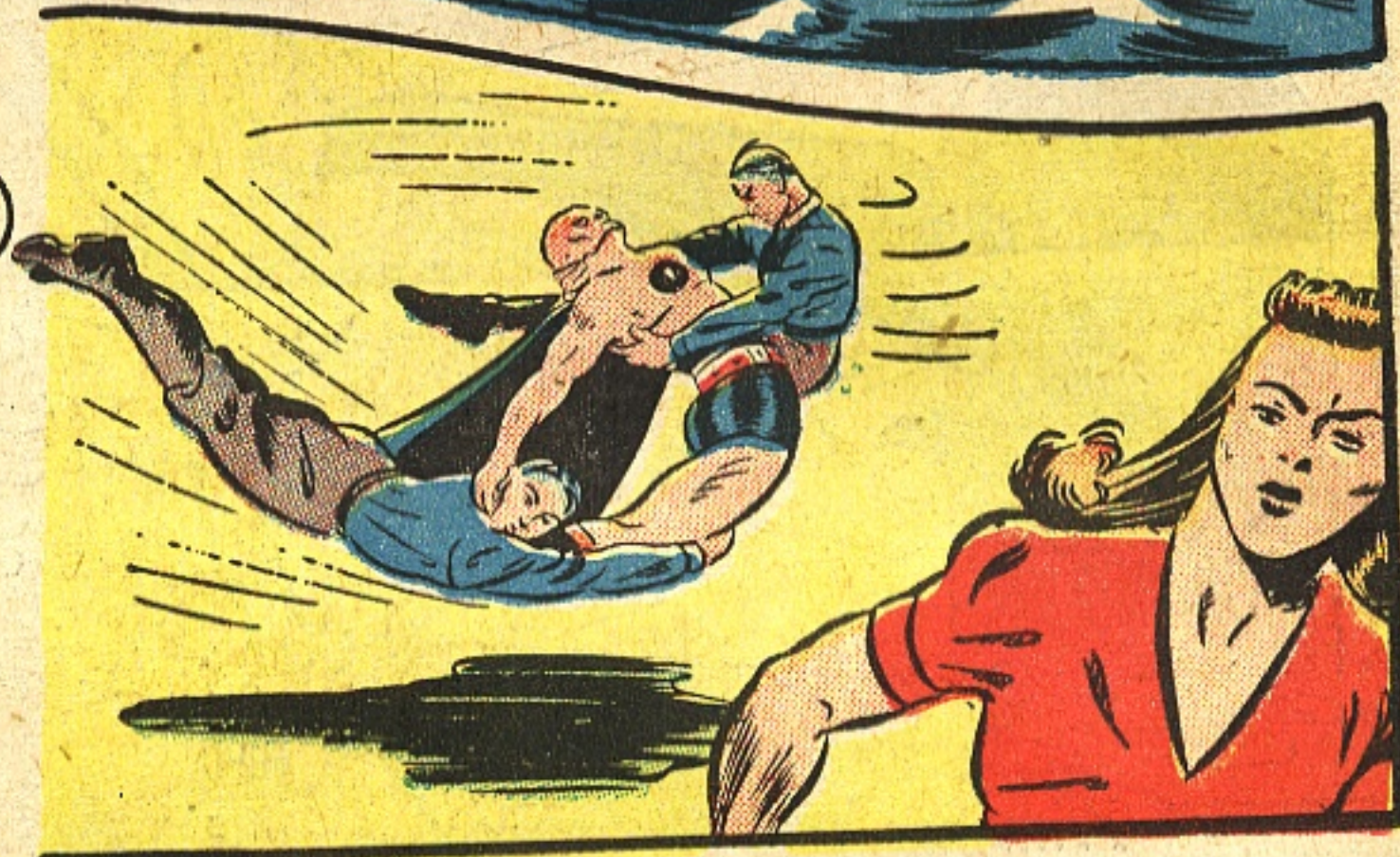
THE IRON SKULL THEN SWIMS OFF TO THE SHORE...
BERNICE WILD FOLLOWING IN A SMALL SPEED-BOAT...



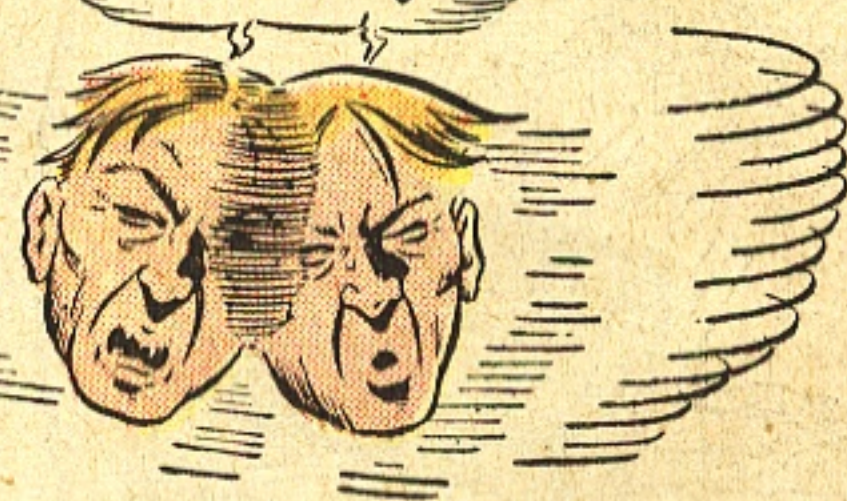
THIS IS THE
ENTRANCE -
WE MUST
BE QUIET!

PSST - HOLZE
VE HAVE
UNINVITED
GUESTS!

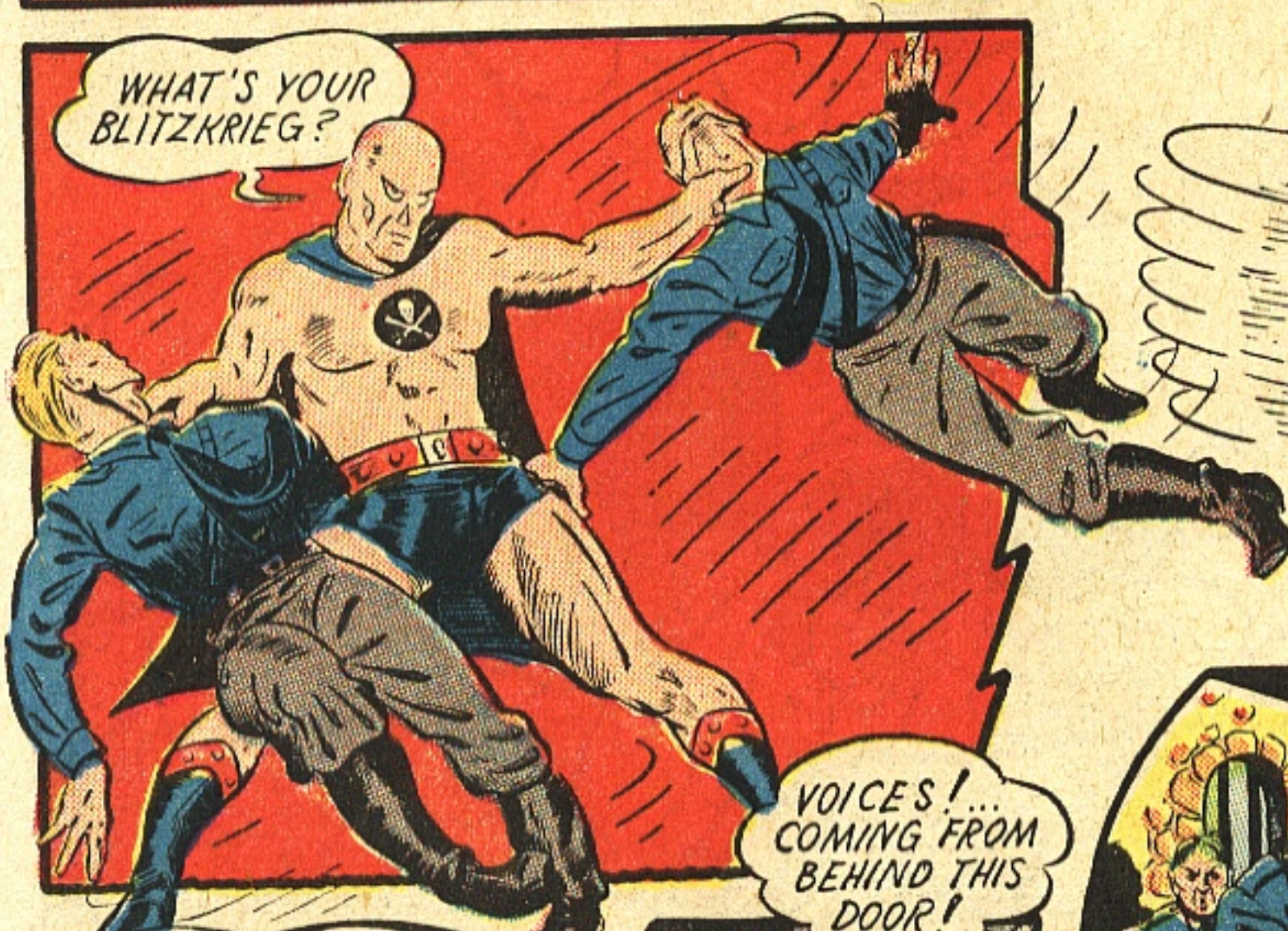
ON THE ISLAND, BERNICE LEADS THE
SKULL TO THE SECRET ENTRANCE OF
THE UNDERGROUND NAZI FORTRESS



HEILP!



WHAT'S YOUR
BLITZKRIEG?



VOICES!...
COMING FROM
BEHIND THIS
DOOR!

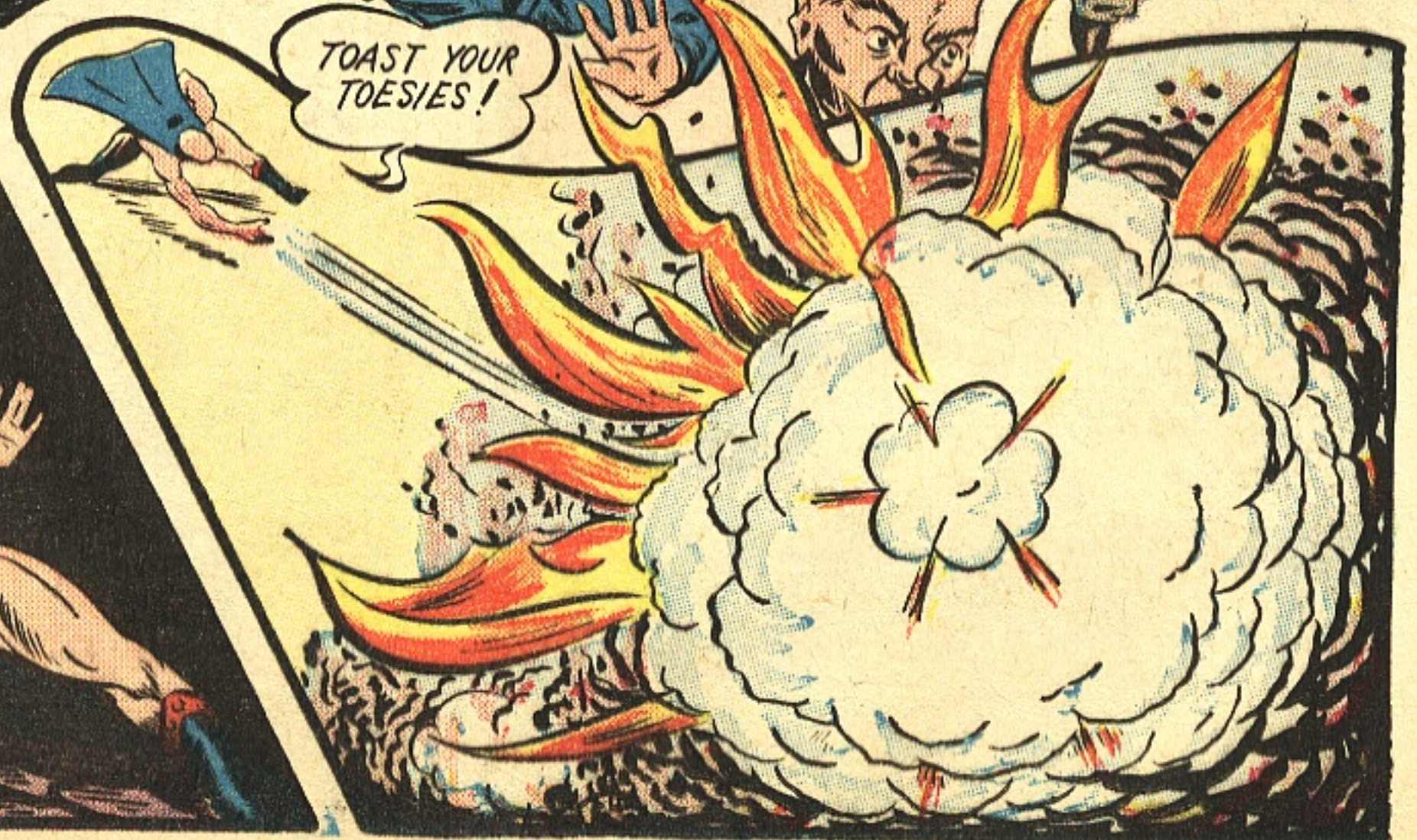
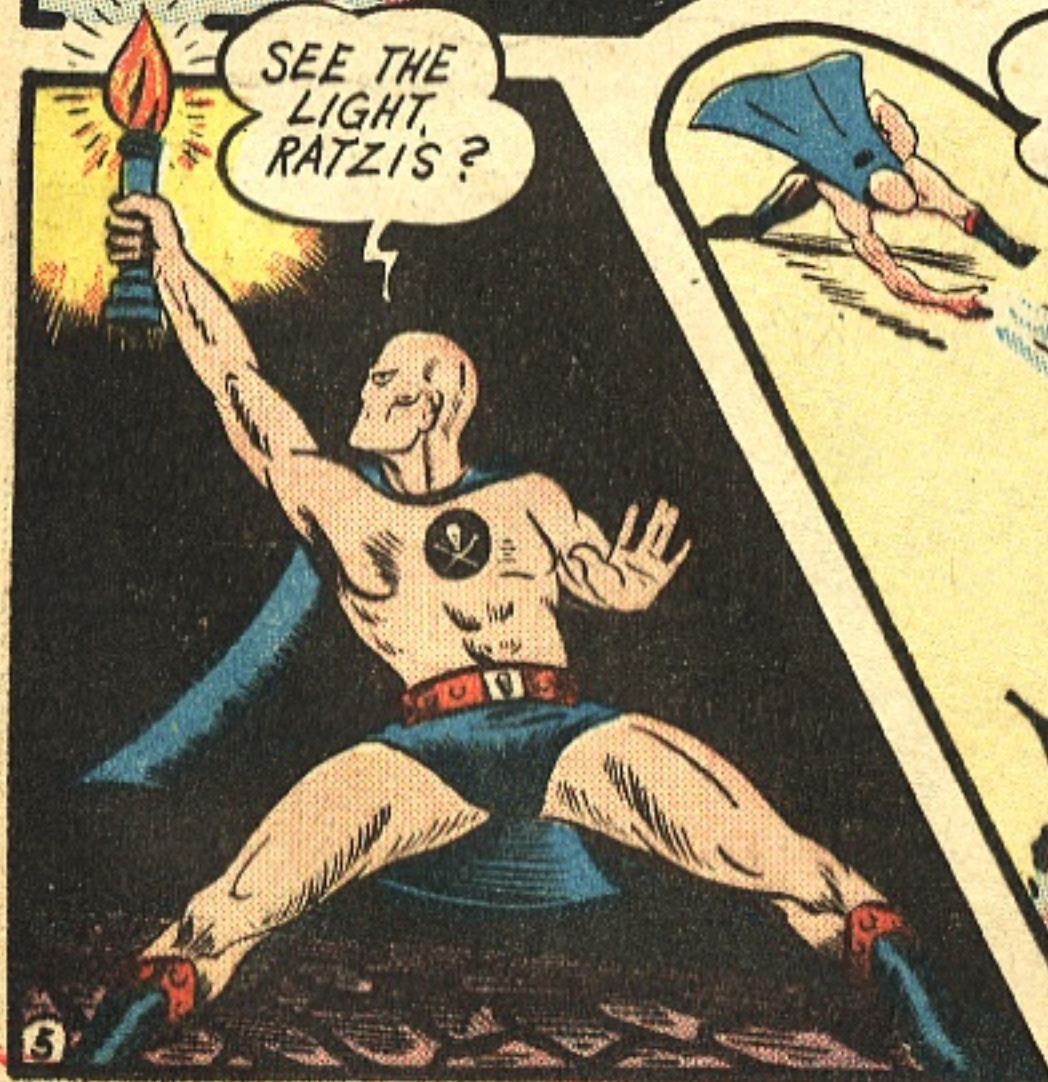
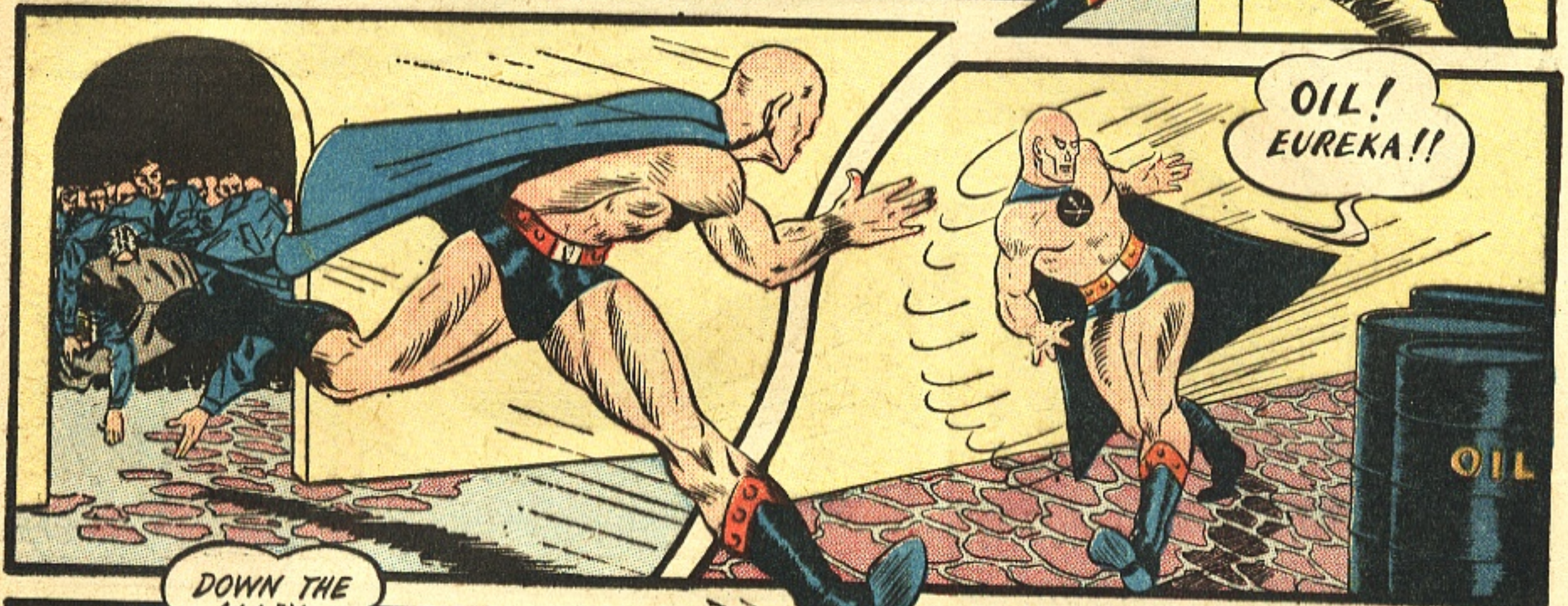
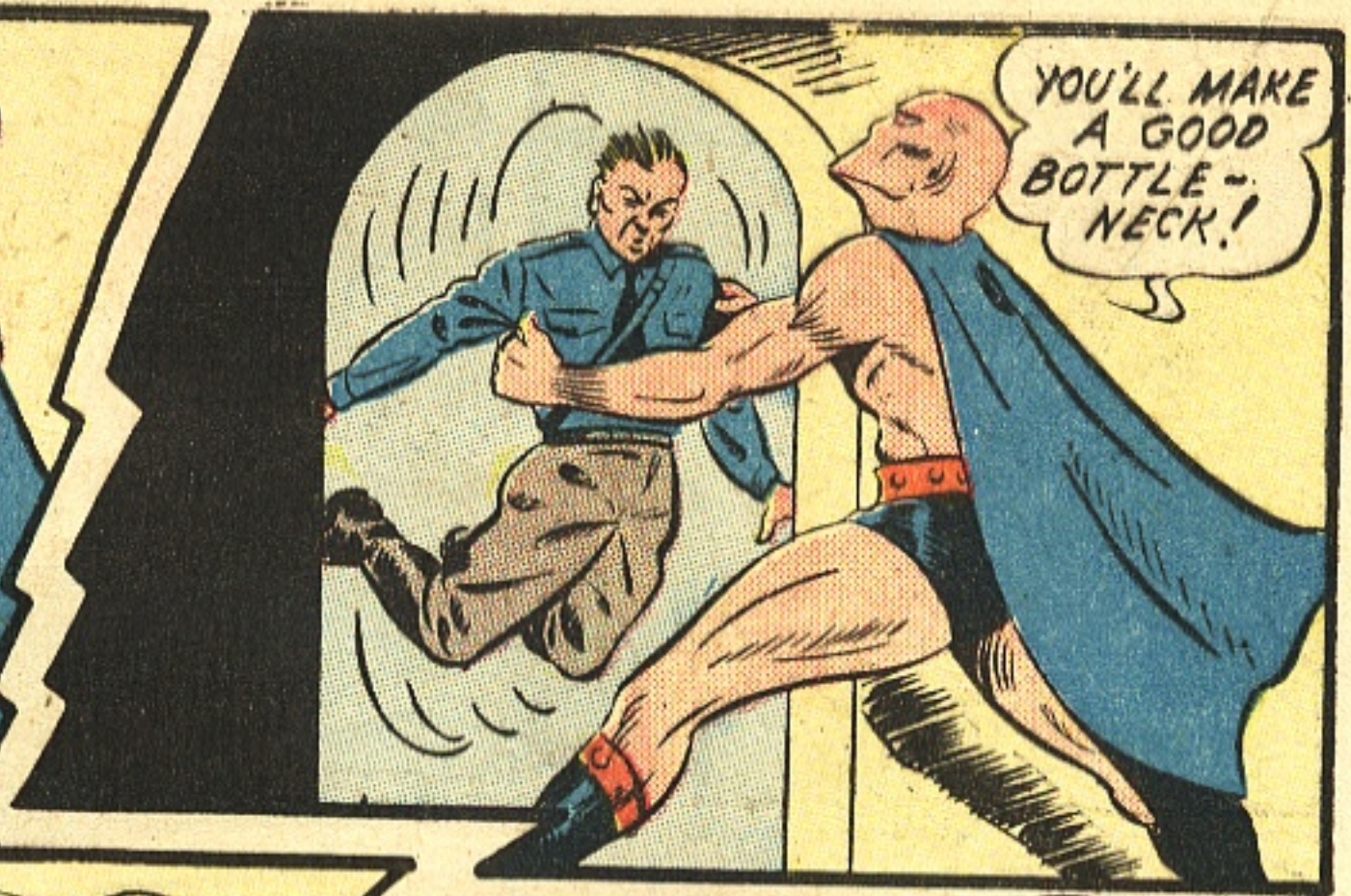
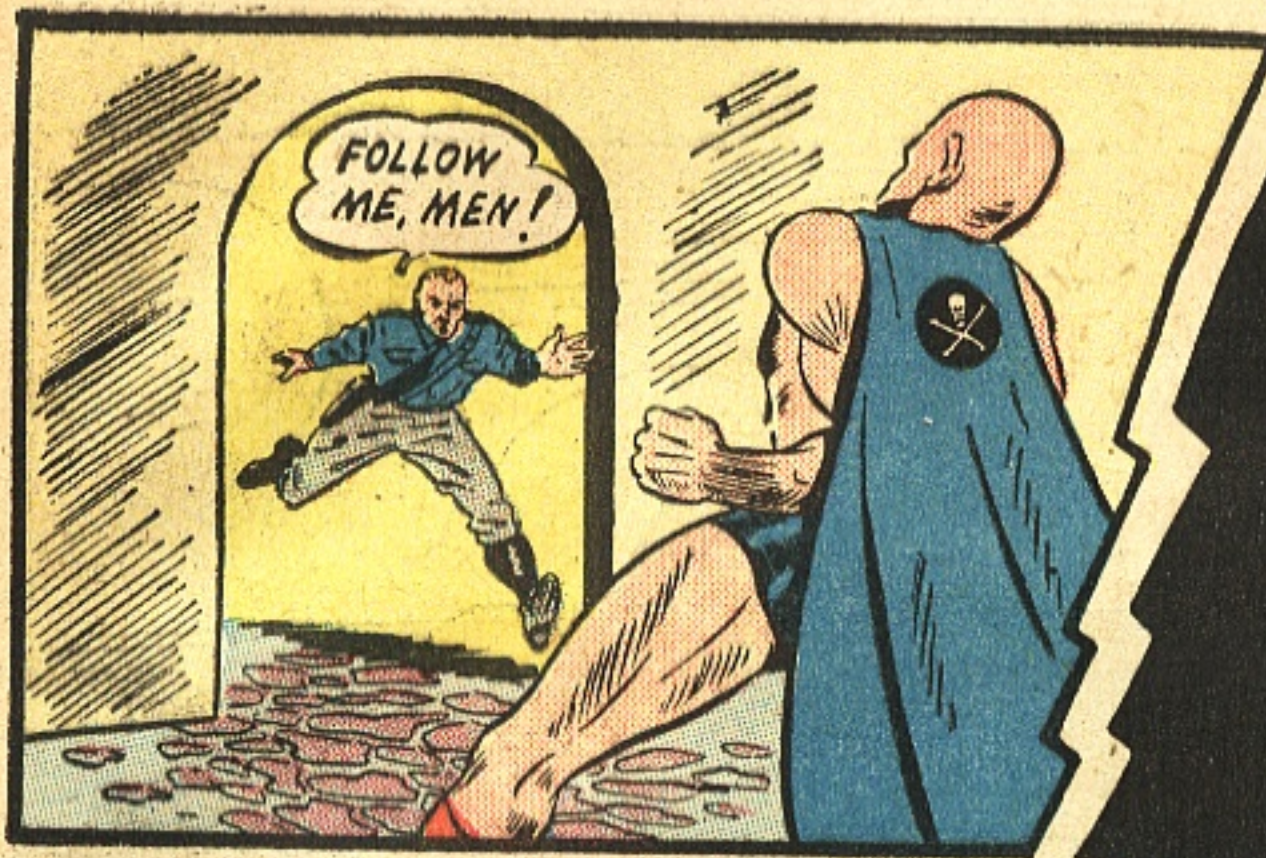
YOU WAIT HERE
WHILE I TAKE A
LOOK AROUND
INSIDE...

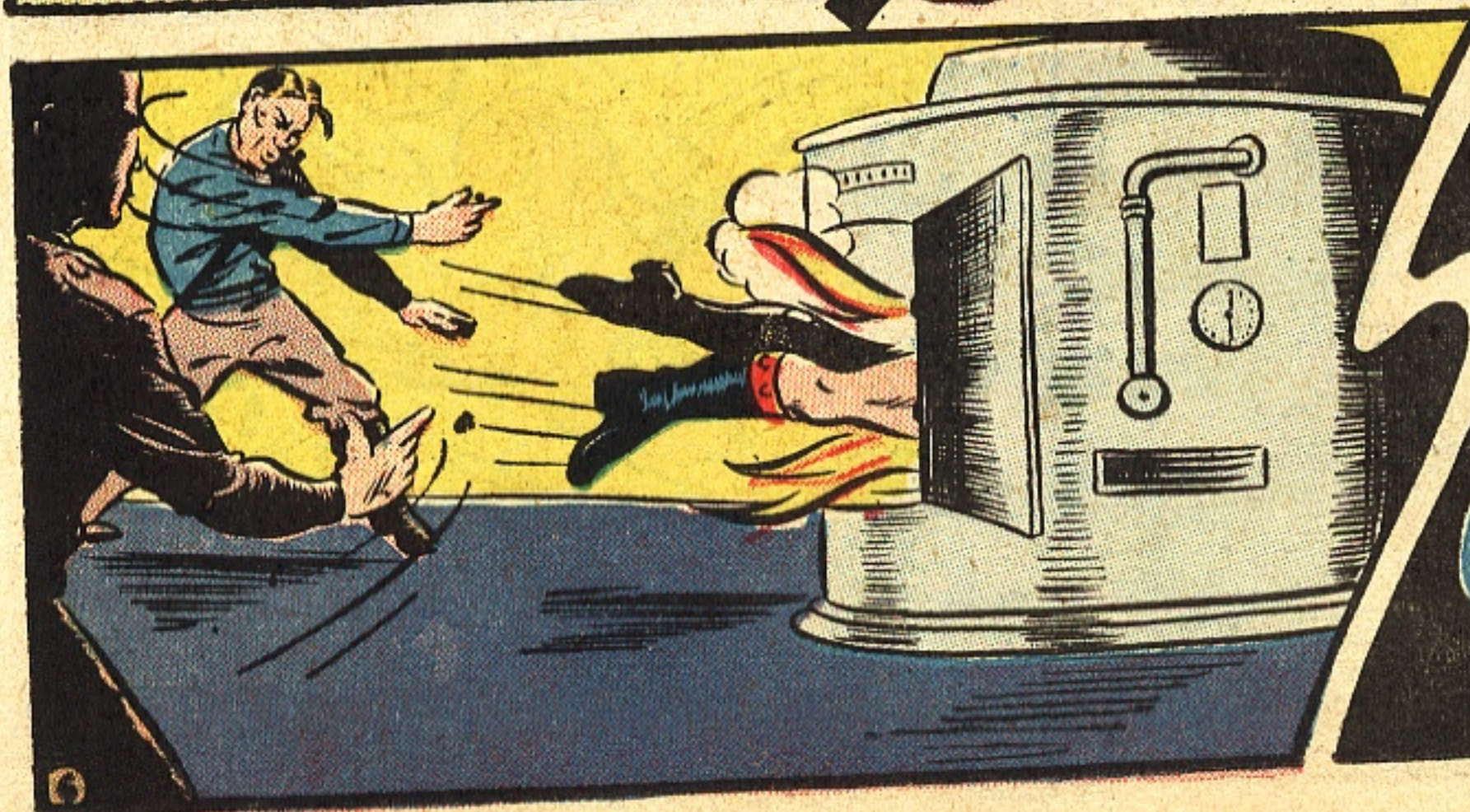
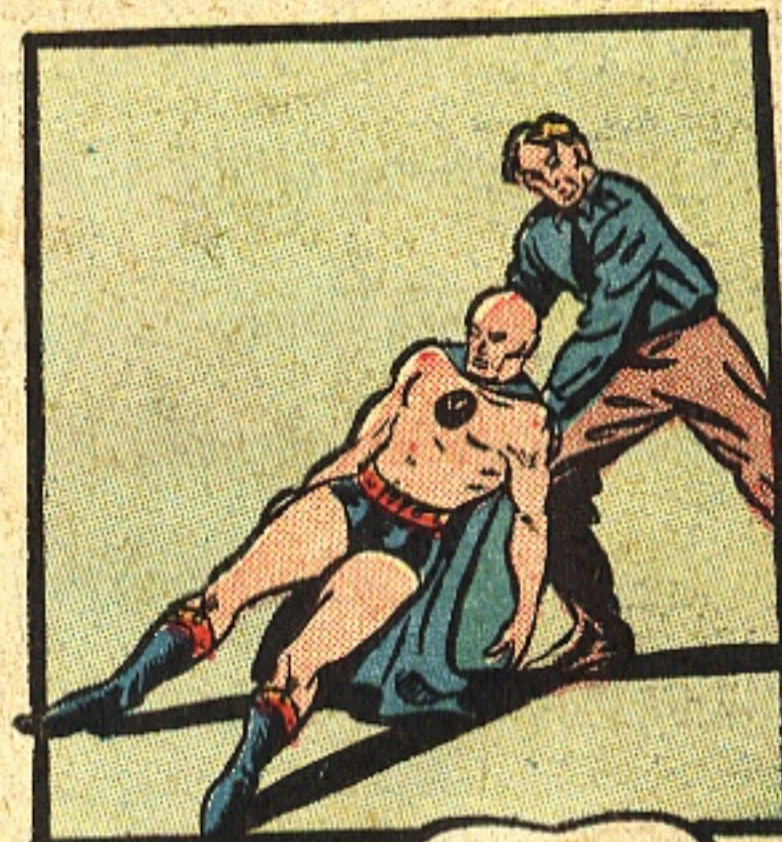
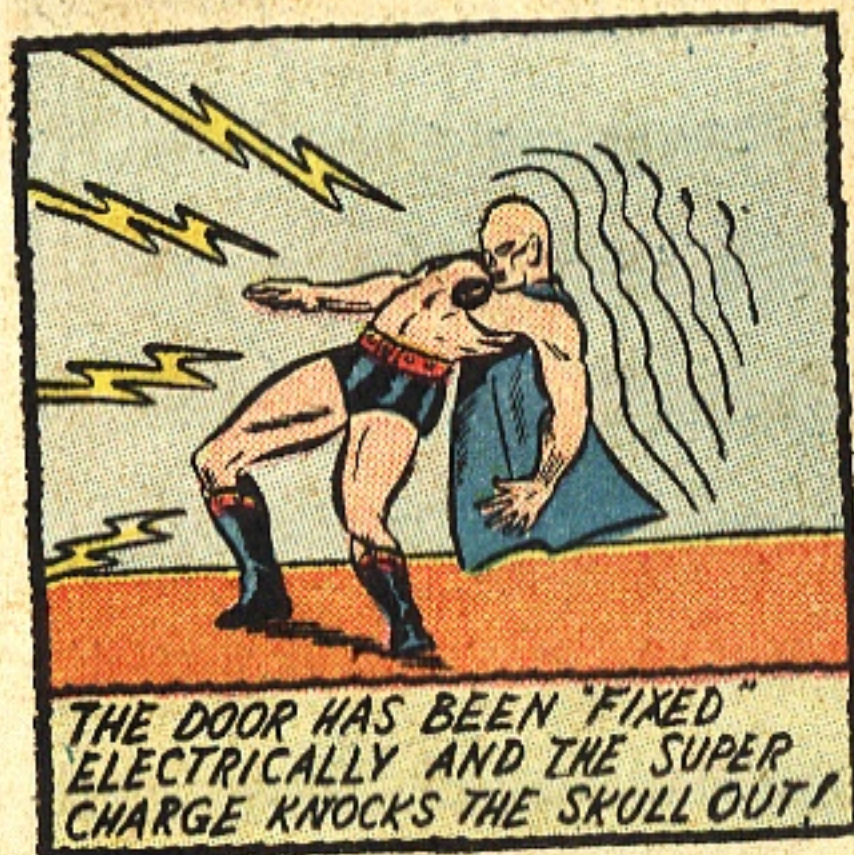
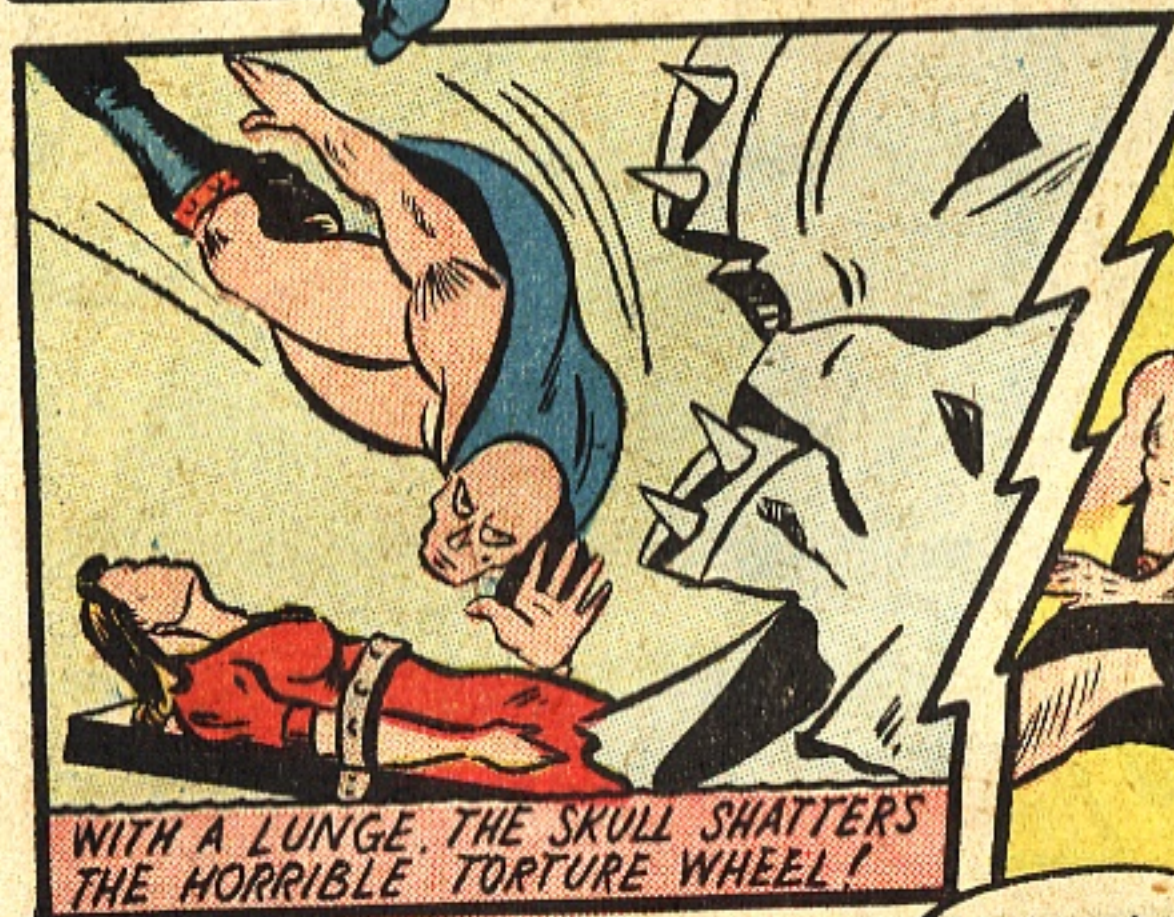
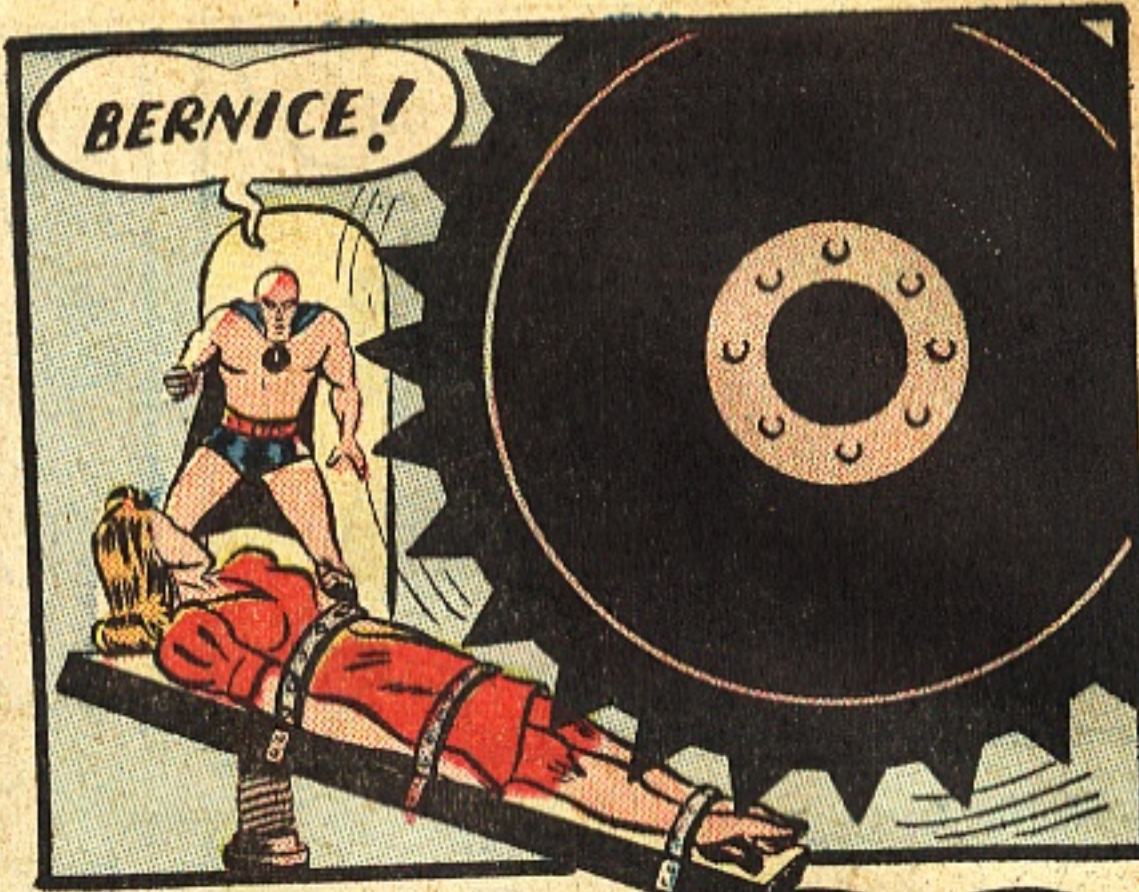
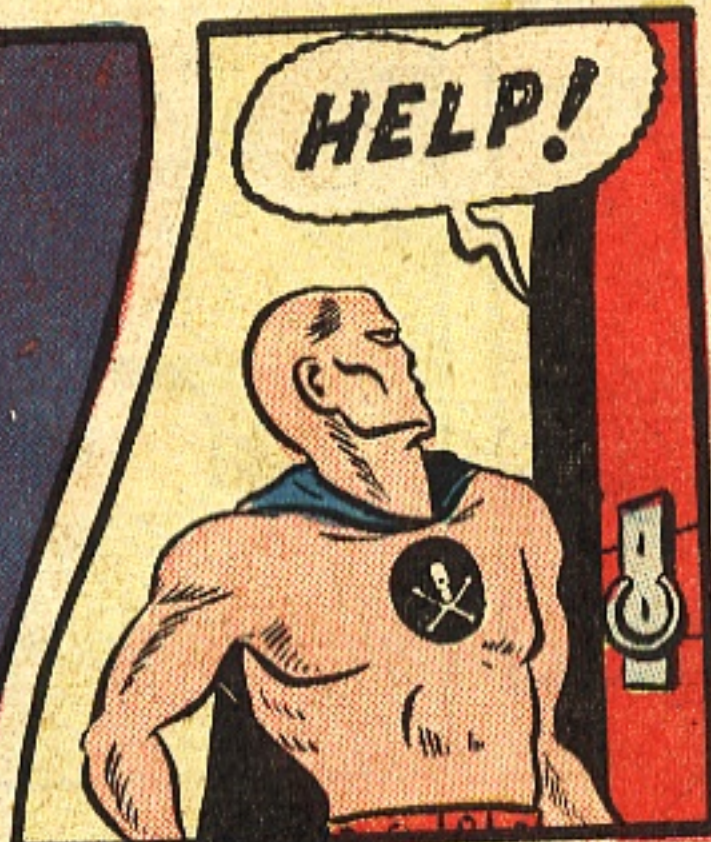
DO BE
CAREFUL!



PLANES OVER NEW YORK...
THE TANKS VILL TAKE
CONNECTICUT, UND...
VOT'S DISS??

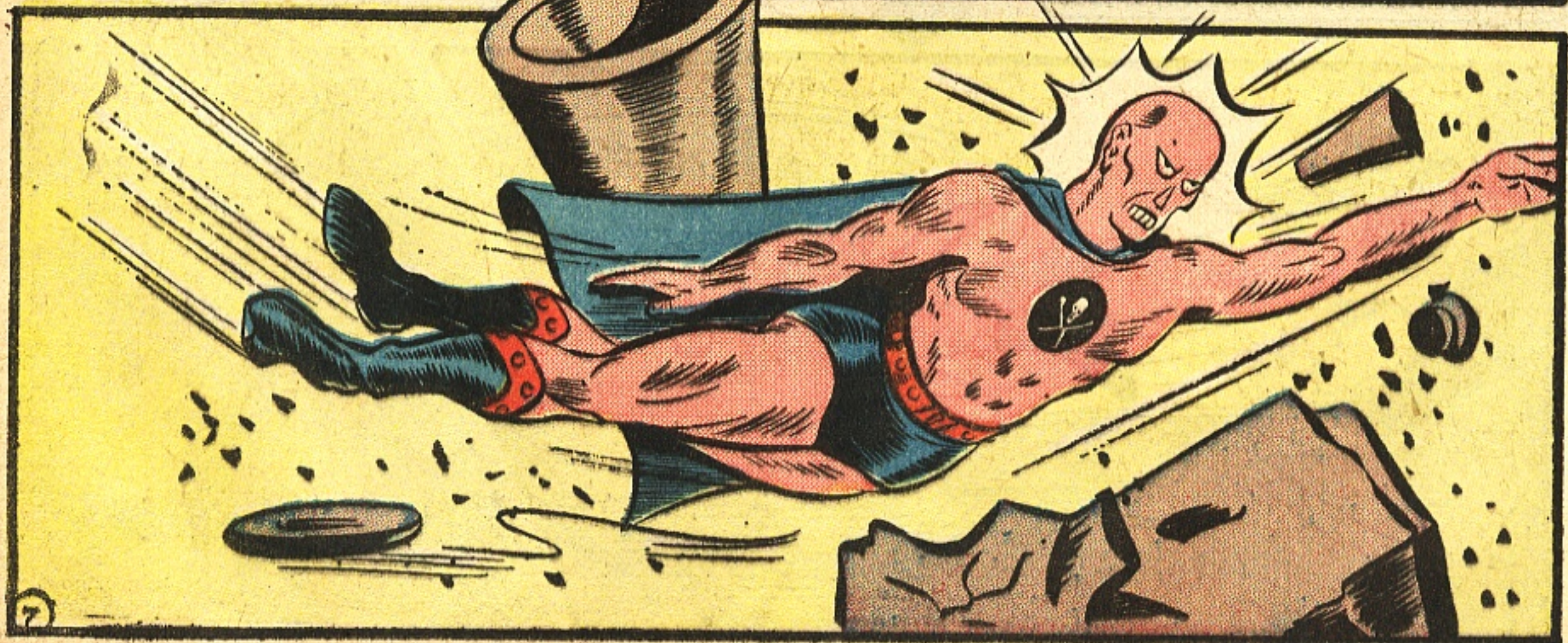
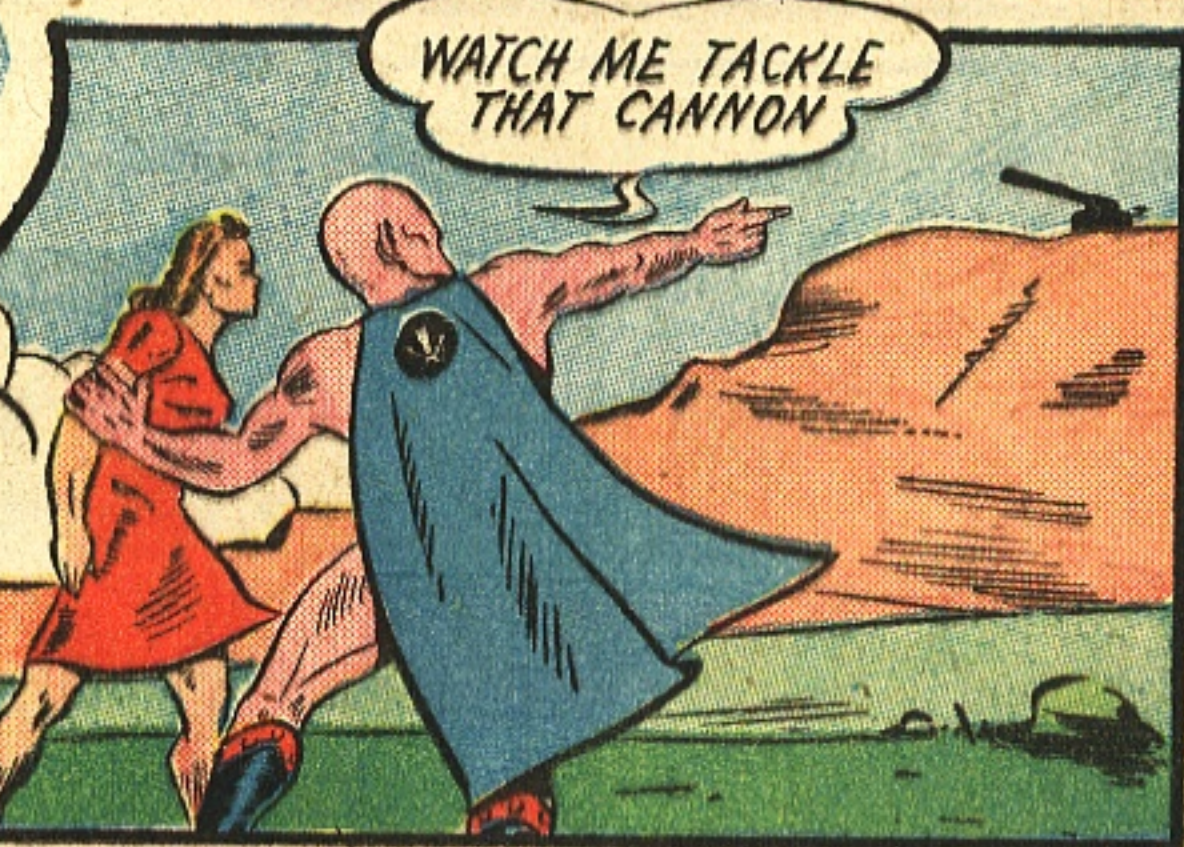
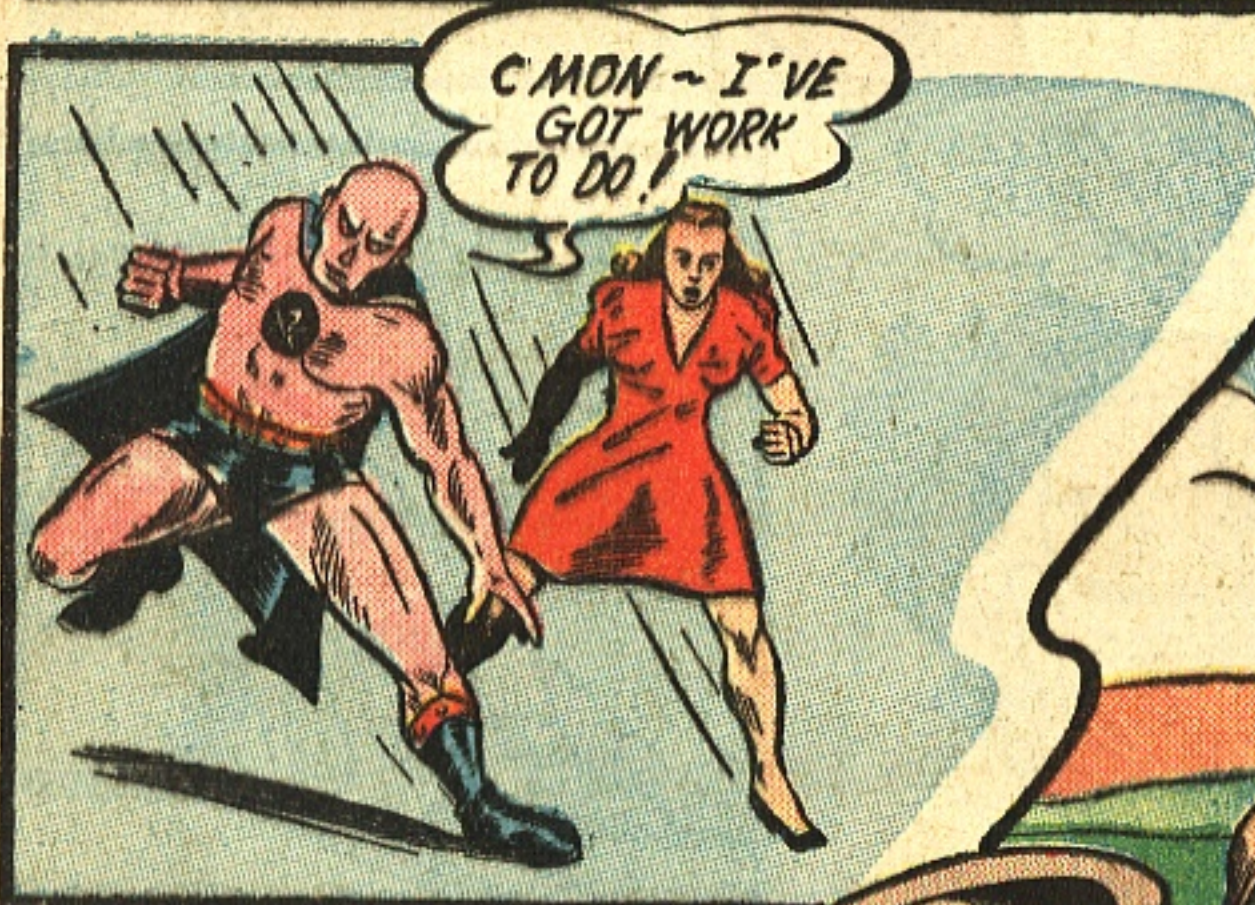
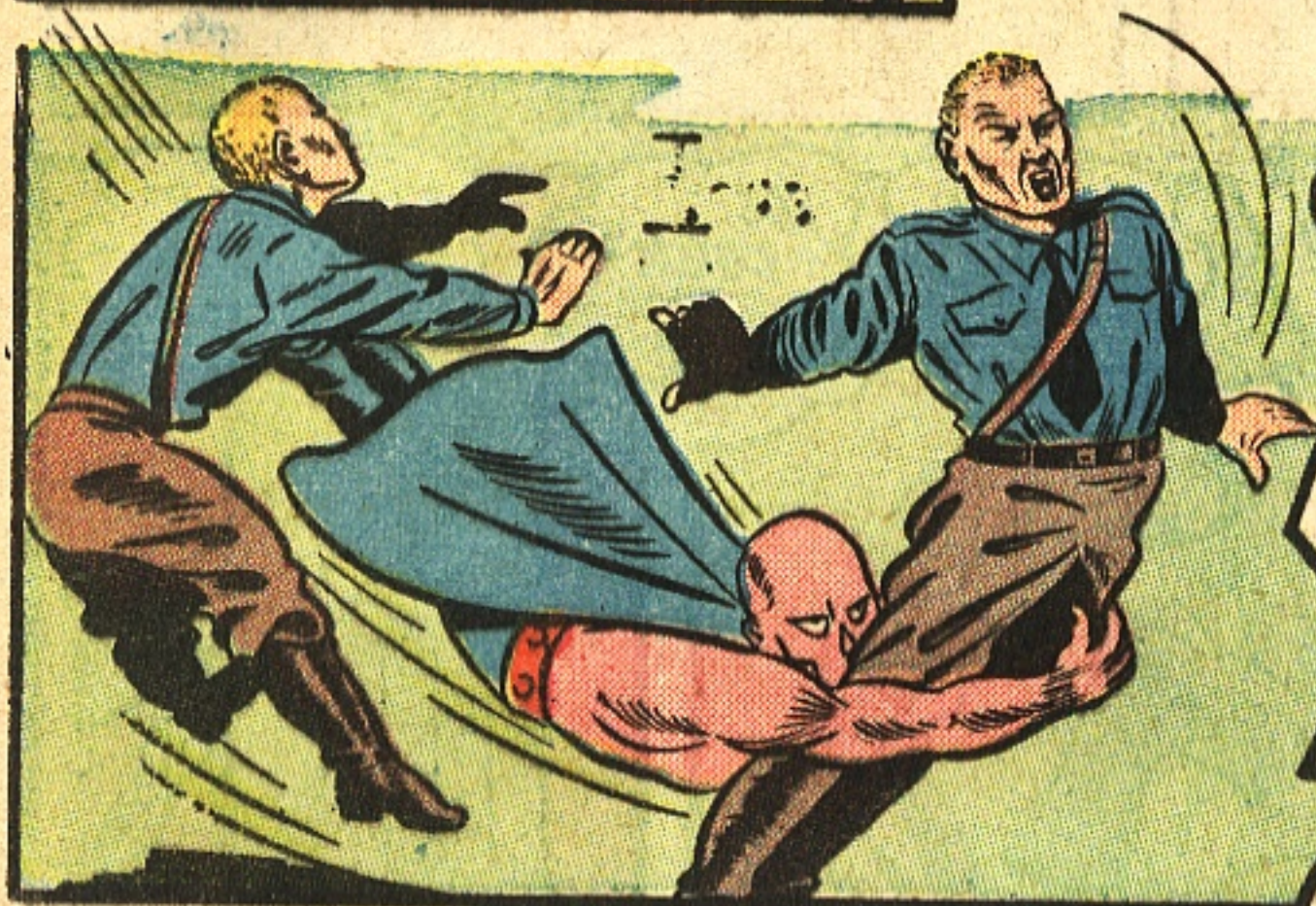
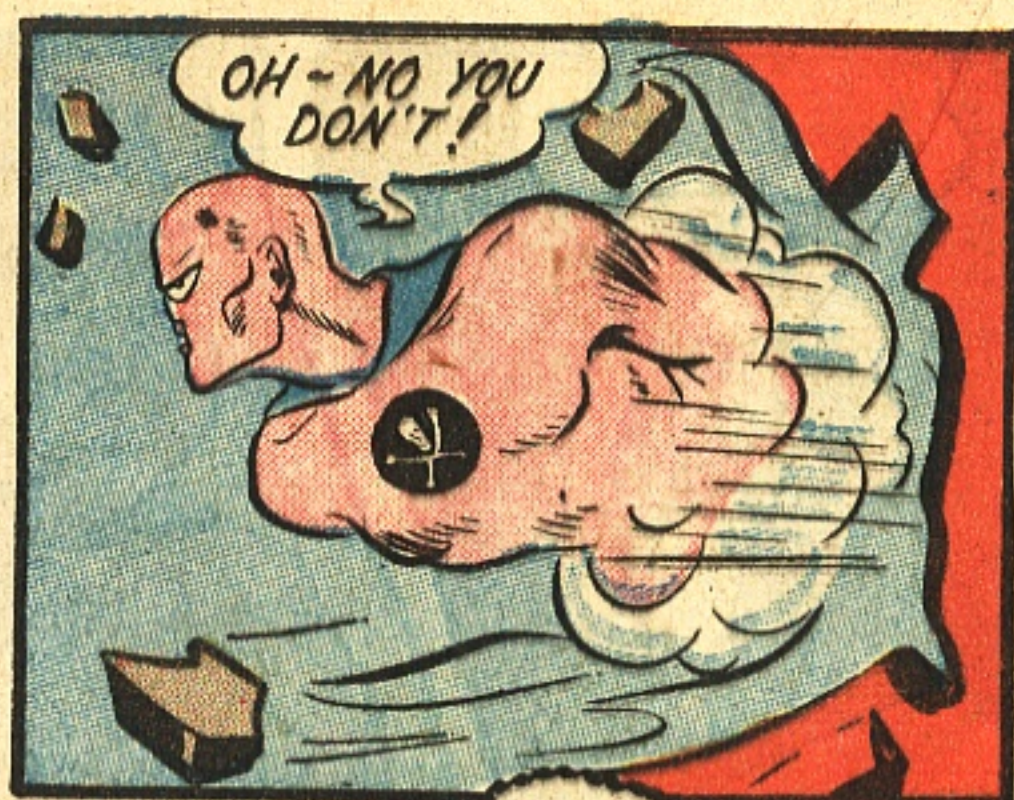








THE ELECTRIC
CURRENT IS
NEUTRALIZED
BY THE
TERRIFIC
HEAT OF THE
FURNACE -
AND THE
SKULL CRASHES
THRU!...



PICKING UP A SHELL THE IRON SKULL AIMS FOR THE HUGE DAM

STRIKE!

THE WATER RUSHES THRU ... AND
FLOODS THE ISLAND OF ATLANTIS

WELL, THAT'S THE
END OF THAT
NAZI
CAMP!

SKULL - WE ARE
ALL VERY GRATEFUL
TO YOU!

AND DON'T
FORGET OUR
NEW ALLY -
BERNICE
WILD!

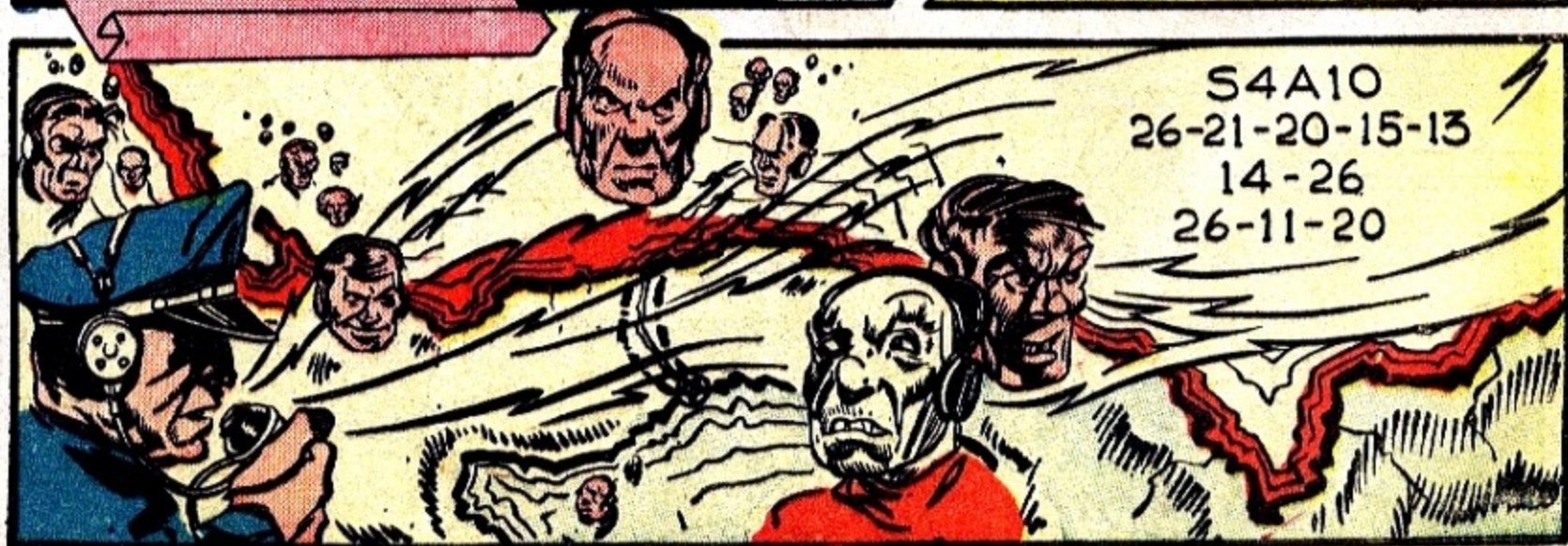
THE SHARK



THROUGH THE
CLOSELY GUARDED
PANAMA CANAL ZONE
A STATIC FILLED
MESSAGE BREAKS
INTO ALL RADIO
WAVE LENGTHS —

Lew
Glanz

THE
SHARK IS AN
AMAZING UNDER-
SEA CREATURE WITH
WEBBED HANDS AND
FEET, ENDOWED WITH
ENORMOUS STRENGTH AND
POSSESSED OF A SUPER TELE-
VISION SET. FATHER NEPTUNE,
"POP," IS THE SHARK'S FATHER



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GET DE BOYS TOGETHER
AND LET'S GET GOING!

A SMALL BAND OF HARD,
BITTER FACED MEN BEGIN TO
CROWD ABOUT THE CANAL
GATE...

GET THAT GUY STANDING
OVER THERE, FIRST!



THEN AS IF BY A SILENT SIGNAL
THE HOLLOW THUMPING OF MANY
FEET THUNDER ALONG THE
WOODEN WARFS THRU THE
CANAL GATE, AND PAST THE
PITIFUL FIGURE OF THE
DYING GUARD....



ANOTHER MUFFLED REPORT AS
THE MURDERERS AGAIN LEAVE A
DYING GUARD BEHIND!...



QUICK GET DOWN TO THE
PUMPS AND WRECK 'EM... THERE'S
A FREIGHTER COMIN' INTO ONE OF
THE LOCKS NOW!



MAKE IT SNAPPY!

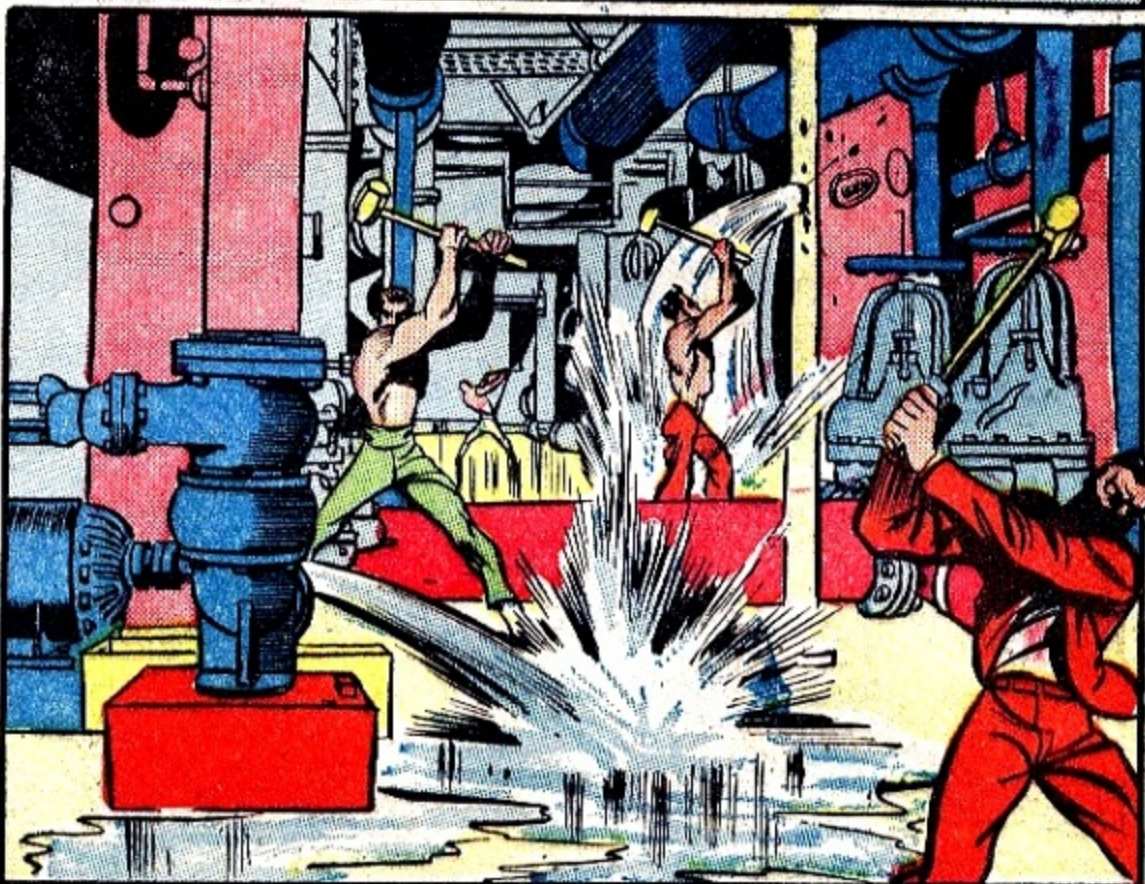


OVERPOWERING THE GUARDS...

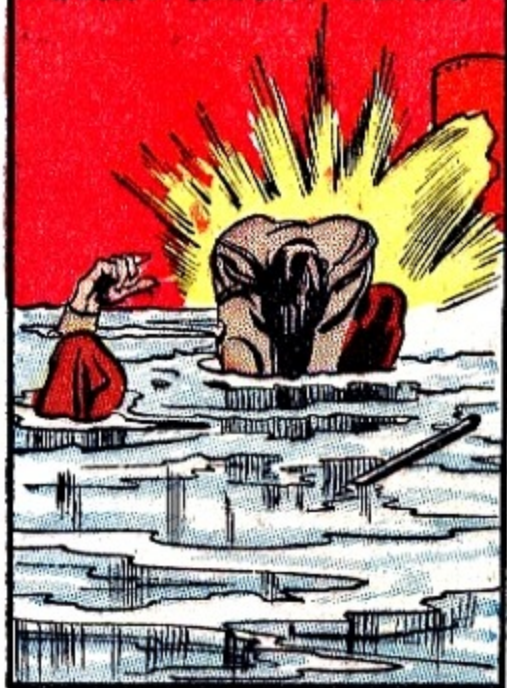
KILL 'EM!



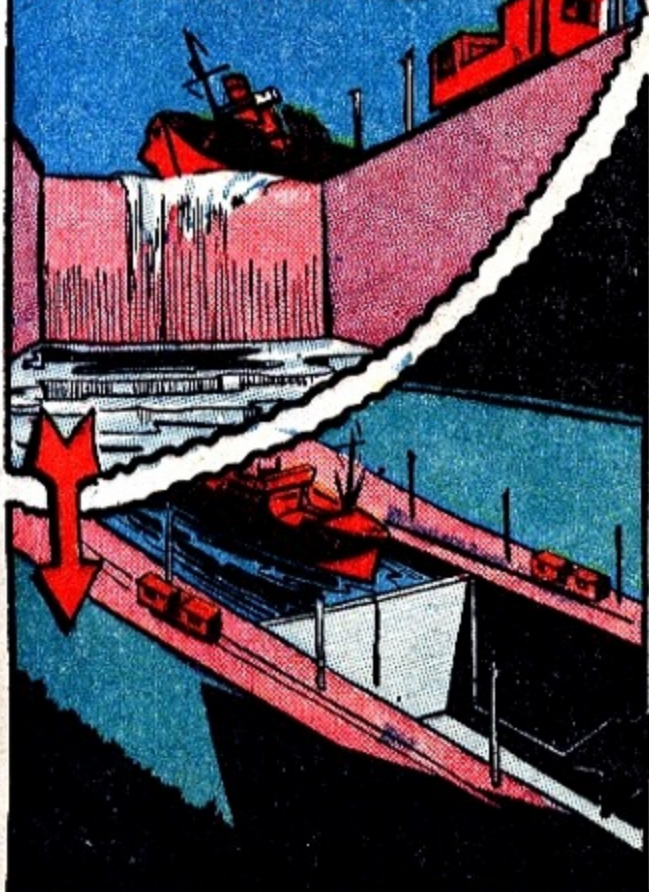
THEY THEN BEGIN THEIR WORK IN DEADLY EARNEST... WELDING SLEDGE HAMMERS THEY POUND AWAY AT ONLY THE IMPORTANT SECTIONS OF THE PUMPS... A STEADY TATTOO OF HAMMERS RING INTO THE NIGHT, AFTER DESTROYING THE PUMPS...



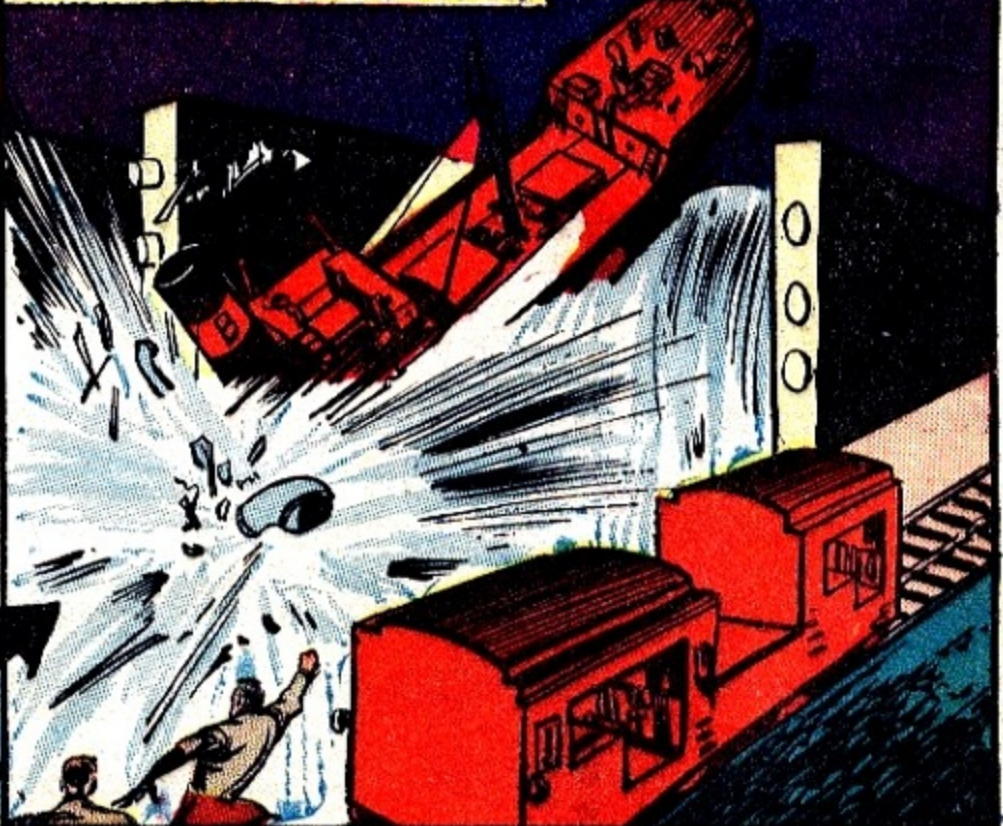
THE MEN LEAVE AS SILENTLY AS THEY CAME, LEAVING THE DEAD OR DYING GUARDS TO THEIR FATE... A WATERY DEATH!



A HUGE TANKER IS TRAPPED IN ONE OF THE LOCKS BECAUSE OF THE BROKEN PUMPS!...



ONE LOCK FILLS UP WHILE THE OTHER EMPTIES... THEN THE PRESSURE CAUSES THE GATES TO SNAP OPEN! WITH A RESOUNDING SMASH THE TANKER CRASHES INTO THE NEXT LOCK, AS THE GANGSTERS WATCH THEIR FIRST SUCCESSFUL HANDIWORK!



WELL, 'AT WAS FINE WOIK EH!
BOYS!!! HAW! HAW! BUT WAIT'ILL
THA' AIRCRAFT CARRIER COMES!

BUT TWO POWERFUL FIGURES
WATCH THE SHARK AND
FATHER NEPTUNE. A SUDDEN
SPARK IN THEIR EYES AS
THEY THINK OF THE FIGHT
AHEAD! THEN THE SPARK
IS GONE AS THEY THINK
OF THE GANGSTERS
RUTHLESSNESS!...

OUT OF THE WATER ZIPS THE
TWO FIGURES INTENT UPON
DESTROYING THIS MENACE!

UP AND AT 'EM
POP!

RIGHT BEHIND
YOU SON!

THE SHARK!



ALL BUT ONE SUFFERS THE DEADLY BLOWS...

SPILL!

WHEN THE SHARK APPEARS AT 72'ND ST.

WE DON'T KNOW NUTTIN WE GET ORDERS FROM A LITTLE GUY ON 607-72'ND STREET!

WHAT DA!

GOOD MORNIN' MISTER SHARK! I'VE BEEN WAITIN' FOR YA!

I'LL TAKE THESE BUMS TO THE MILITARY POLICE, WHILE YOU GO AFTER THEIR LEADER! I DON'T THINK YOU'LL NEED ANY HELP!

I'M READY FOR YOU!

THE LITTLE FELLOW DASHES PAST THE SHARK AS IF ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE!

WHAT'S THIS WHO'S THIS LITTLE MAN?

BUT HE SEIZES A HARMLESS LOOKING BOTTLE AND...

HERE'S A PRESENT FOR YA!

I'M BLIND! THAT STUFF MUST'VE BEEN ACID!

HEH! HEH! HEH!

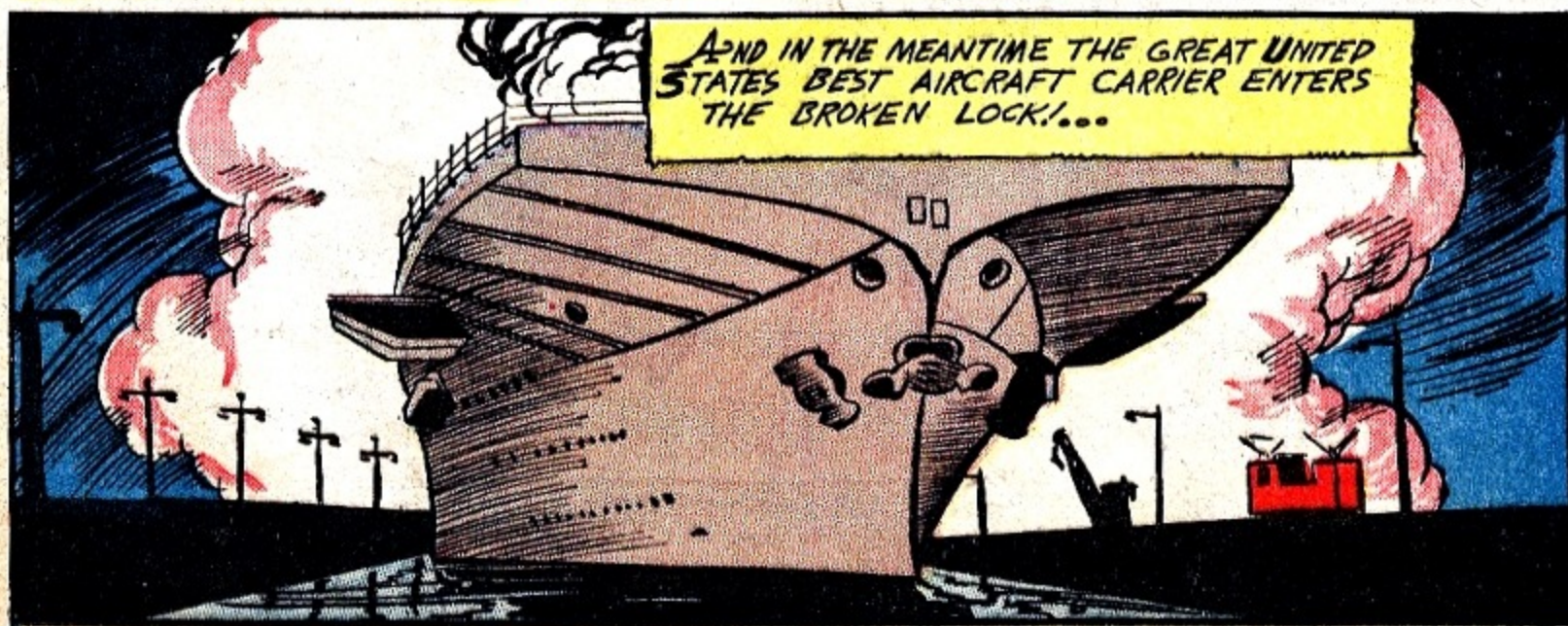
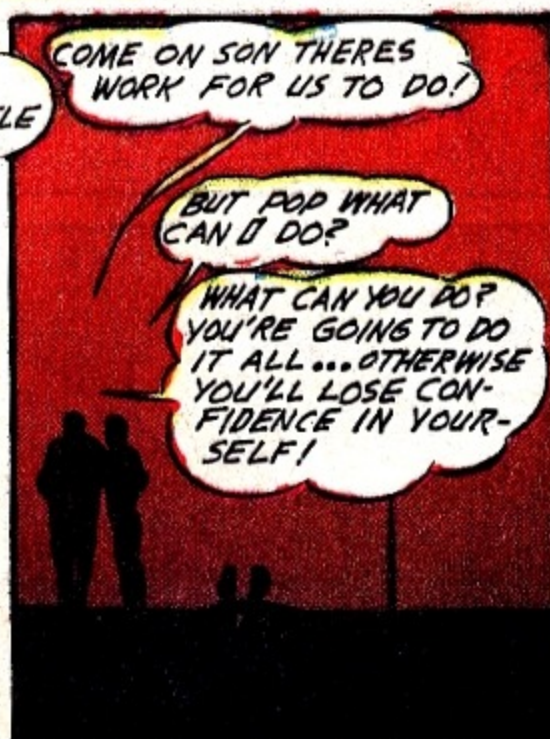
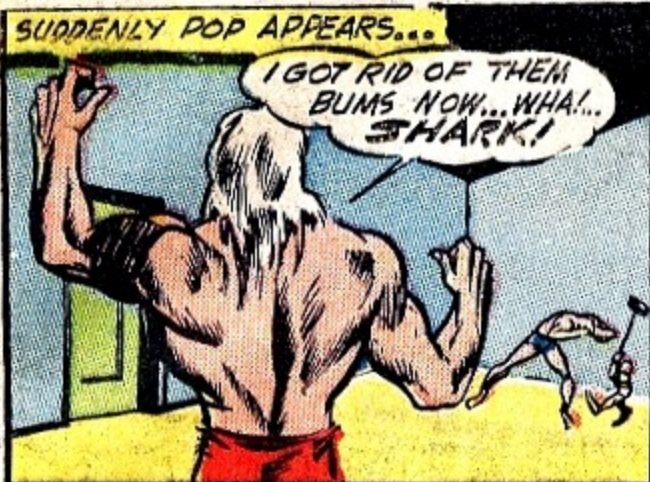
I'M BLIND BLIND! OH!

HE! YES! HEH!

THE SHARK TRIES HELPLESSLY TO WARD OFF THE DEADLY BLOWS...

YOU DIDN'T THINK YOU WOULD HAVE ANY TROUBLE WITH A LITTLE MAN LIKE ME, EH! HEH! HEH!

THE LITTLE IMP DANCES AROUND THE HELPLESS SHARK POUNDING UNMERCIFULLY...



WHEN THE SHARK AND POP LEAVE...

THEY'RE GONE!
I'LL GET BACK
AT EM'!

FIRST I MUST GET
MEN, UH! THEY'RE
ALL CAPTURED
I... I THINK I KNOW
WHERE I CAN GET
TWO THOUGH!

YES I'LL GET THEM! THAT AIRPLANE
CARRIER MUST BE DESTROYED!
IT HAS A NEW SECRET
WEAPON AMERICA MUST
NOT HAVE!

AT THE PANAMA LOCKS... ALL RIGHT NOW
SON GET DOWN THERE AND HOLD
THOSE LOCKS TOGETHER SO THE WATER
WONT RUSH THROUGH! NO MATTER WHAT
HAPPENS DON'T LEAVE
IT GO!

O.K.!

WITH ALL HIS AMAZING STRENGTH
THE SHARK HOLDS THE TWO GIANT
LOCKS FAST...

THEN...

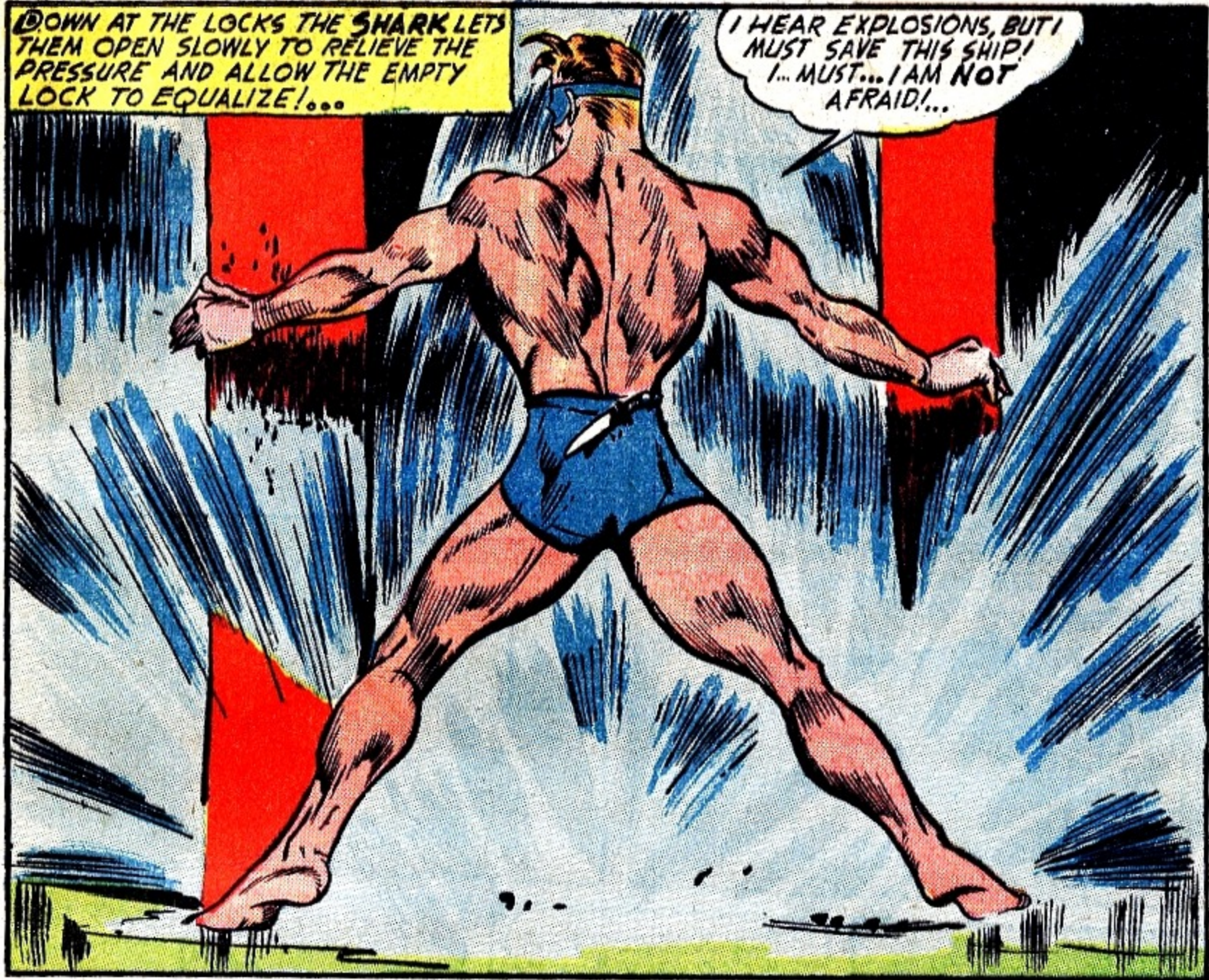
WHAT'S
THIS?

THROW THE BOMB AT
THE OLD MAN QUICK!
THEN AT THE
SHARK!

YOU'RE NOT STOPPING MY SON
ON THIS JOB!

DOWN AT THE LOCKS THE SHARK LETS THEM OPEN SLOWLY TO RELIEVE THE PRESSURE AND ALLOW THE EMPTY LOCK TO EQUALIZE!...

I HEAR EXPLOSIONS, BUT I MUST SAVE THIS SHIP! I... MUST... I AM NOT AFRAID!...



THE SHIP IS SAVED AND...

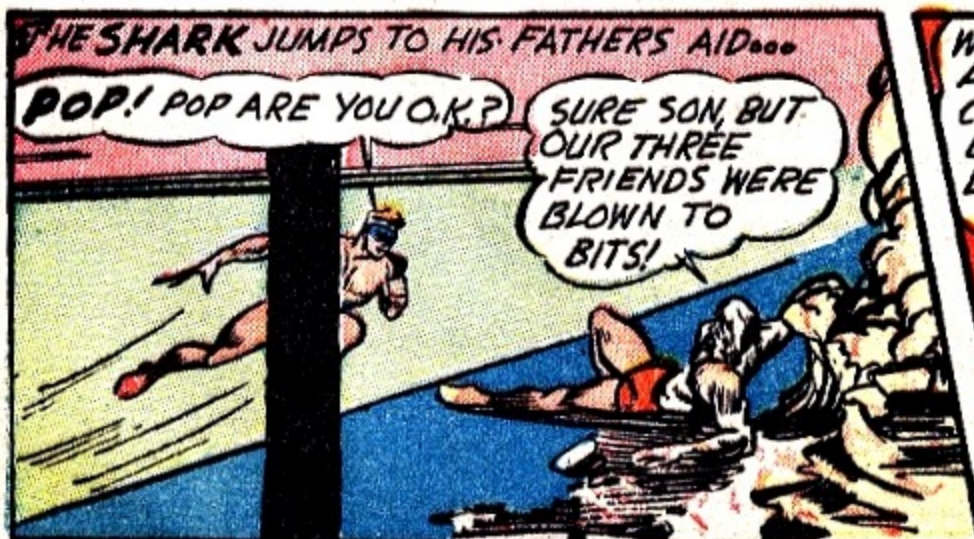


THE ONRUSHING WATER WASHED THE SHARK'S EYES CLEAN OF THE ACID... HIS SIGHT IS RESTORED.



THE SHARK JUMPS TO HIS FATHERS AID...

POP! POP ARE YOU O.K.?



SURE SON, BUT OUR THREE FRIENDS WERE BLOWN TO BITS!

WELL POP NOW THAT WE'RE BOTH O.K. AND THE CANAL IS SAFE, PLUS THE CROOKS BEING CAPTURED OR DEAD, I GUESS WE'RE FINISHED EH! LET'S GO!



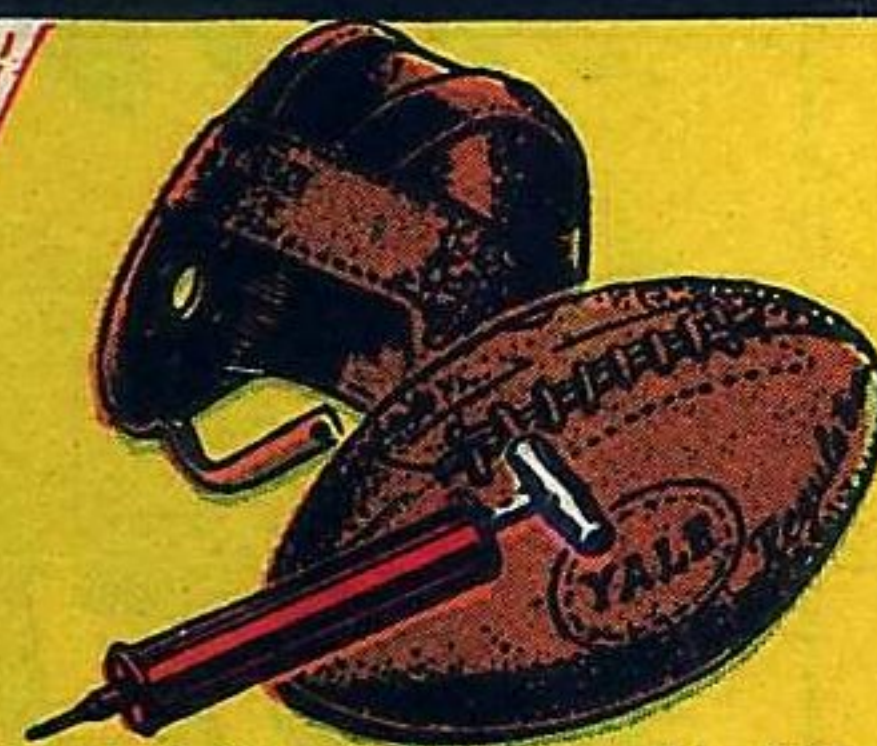
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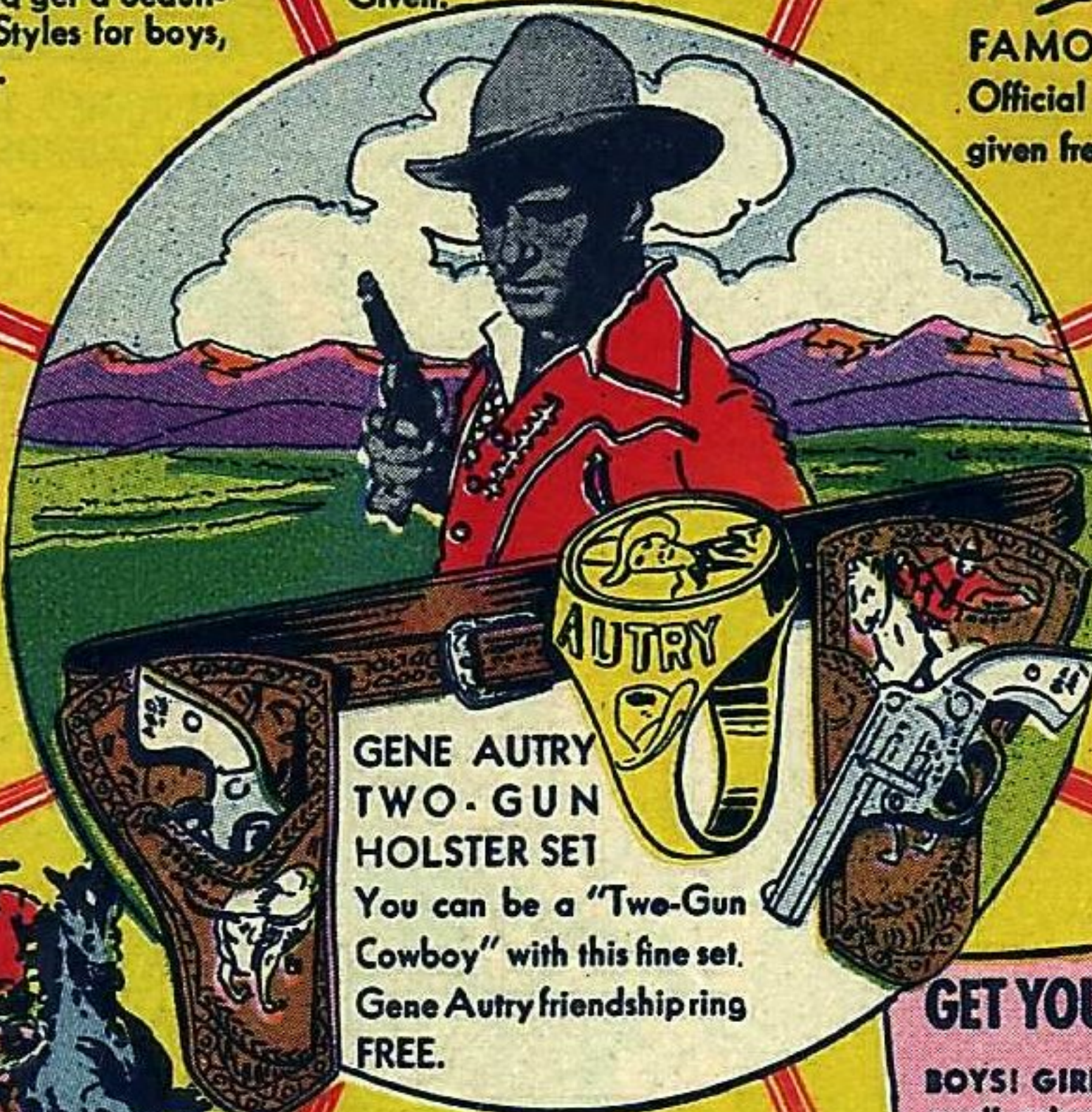
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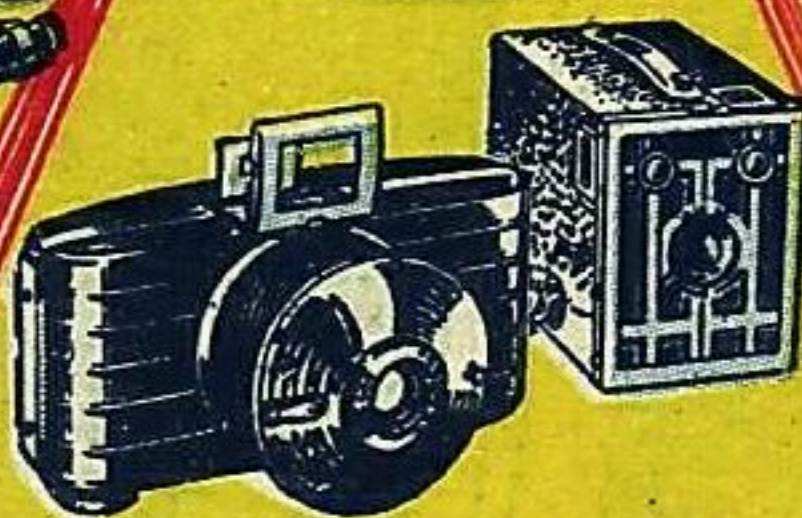
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